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City of Boston

Monday January 2nd 1837.

This being the day appointed by law for the Organization of the City Government; The following Gentlemen appeared and took their seats viz.

Samuel A. Eliot, Mayor.

Aldermen.

Henry Farnam
Thomas Welmore
Nathan Gurney
Joseph H. Hayward
Thomas Hunting
Samuel Quincy
John B. Wells
Thomas Richardson.

Mr Curtis came up with a message that Message fro
ing that a quorum of the common council had assem- common Cou
bled, and were now ready to form a convention of
the two branches of the City Council for the purpose of
their organization.

The two branches met in Convention Convention
in the common council room. The meeting was open
ed with prayer by the Rev. Charles Lowell, D.D.

The Honorable Lemuel Shaw, Chief Mayor &c
Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, administered the Sworn
several oaths required by law, to the Mayor. The Mayor
afterwards administered the like oaths to the Aldermen,
and then to the members of the common council. After
which he addressed the City Council. The two boards
then seperated.

2.

Common council member qualified

Mr Gordon, member elect of the common council from Ward No 2. came up attended by Mr Waters, and the Mayor administered to him the several oaths, required by law, to qualify him to take a seat in that body. After which the above named Gentleman retired.

President & Clerk of com. council

A message was received from the common council, announcing that they had made choice of Philip Marell, Esquire for their President, and Richard G. Hail, Esquire for their Clerk.

Convention proposed

Ordered, That a message be sent to the common council, proposing a convention forthwith of the City council, in the common council Chamber, for the purpose of electing a city clerk.

A message was received from the common council signifying their concurrence with the board of Aldermen to form a convention of the City council at the time and for the purpose above mentioned.

In Convention.

City Clerk Chosen

Agreeably to assignment the two branches of the City council met in convention in the common council room for the purpose of electing a City Clerk, Aldermen Wilmore, Messrs Savage and Hudson were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes. They reported, that the whole number was fifty six; all of which were for Samuel F. McCleary, and he was unanimously chosen. The oath of Office was administered

to him by the Mayor. The business of the convention being accomplished the two branches separated.

Standing Committees

The following Standing Committees were appointed, viz:- Police. The Mayor. External health including quarantine. Aldermen Wetmore, Gurney & Quincy. Internal health department. Aldermen Hayward, Hunting & Wells. The fire department. The Mayor, Aldermen Farnam & Quincy. Jail House of Correction, Industry and Reformation. The Mayor, Aldermen Wetmore & Richardson. Market. Aldermen Quincy, Hayward and Wells. Common, Malls, Fort Hill & Copps Hill. Mayor, Aldermen Gurney & Farnam. Burial grounds and Cemeteries. Aldermen Farnam, Richardson & Wells. Lamps, bells & Clocks. Aldermen Hayward, Gurney and Hunting. Licenses. Aldermen Wetmore, Gurney and Hayward. Laying out and widening streets, Aldermen Gurney, Farnam and Wetmore. Repairs of Streets, Paving. Aldermen Quincy, Hunting and Richardson. Common Sewer and drains. Aldermen Wetmore, Richardson and Wells.

Richardson & Broad Street

Petition of Thomas Richardson to be paid for land taken to widen Broad Street, referred over from the last City Council. Referred to the committee on Streets.

Wilkins & Water Street

Petition of John H. Wilkins, and others, to have Water Street numbered. Referred to the superintendent of Streets.

4. Petition of William Lawrence to be paid

Lawrence

Water Street

for land taken to widen Water street. Referred to the committee on Streets.

Doggett

Petition of Millon Doggett and others, to have a room in the Wells School house for a Sabbath School. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

Public lands

Ordered, that Aldermen Gurney and Hunting, with such as the common council may join, be a committee on public lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the common council joined on its part Messrs Waters, Grosvenor & Savage.

Public buildings

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Farnam and Quincy, be a Standing Committee on Public buildings.

Time of Meeting

Ordered, that the regular times for the meetings of this board be on Mondays, at four o'Clock P.M.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'Clock P.M.

A special meeting of the board of A.
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
the sixth day of January A.D. one thousand 18
Present.
The Mayor. Aldermen Putnam, Gurney, Hayward,
Harding and Train.

Order of the Common Council, directing that
that the joint rules and orders of the City Council for the
the past year be adopted until otherwise ordered.
Read.
Read and Concurred.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Chapman, Hopelyn and Hobart, with such Committee
as the board of Aldermen might join, a Committee to pre-
pare and report rules and orders for the government of
the two branches of the City Council. came up for con-
currence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Put-
nam and Hayward are joined.

Petition of Christina Walker and others Walker and
with the order of Court thereon, to be laid for and Others
declared. Lincoln Street. Referred to the City Solici-
tor.

Petition of Lois Crack, Executrix of the Crack
last Will of John Crack, to be laid for and take Co. make
Blackstone Street. Referred to the City

C. Petition of Enoch K. Stelling, to have [illegible] Referred to the Com[illegible]

[illegible] Petition of C. C. Merrill, to have the rent [illegible] Hall occupied by Thompson and Handley re[illegible] Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Chief Engineer The Chief Engineer of the fire department fire department annual return of fires, the loss and insurance the last year annual return and the condition of the fire department... Read and referred to the Committee on the fire department.

Free Bridge The Superintendent of the northern Free Bridge to Draft Water, return of repairs which have been [illegible] Read and [illegible]

[illegible] Council Report [illegible]

[illegible] Petition [illegible]

[illegible] Petition [illegible]

Ballard & Petition of Enoch K. Ballard, and others that
S. S. a new Engine House may be erected for Engine No 8. Re-

ferred in Common Council to Messrs Emery, Bullard, J.
and Dingley, with such as the board of Aldermen might
join to consider and report, came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred, and the Mayor and Aldermen

Petition of John D. Williams, and others, to have William
Washington Street, widened between Milk & Summer Streets Washington
Referred to the Committee on Streets. Street

Account of the receipts & expenditures of Overseers
the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Boston, from Poor.
January 1st to December 1836. Read & laid down.

Communication of the Overseers of the House of Correction
of Correction, enclosing an account against the Commonwealth Correction.
wealth, for the support of insane persons therein. Recommended
in first of May last amounting to $665.35 and praying that
a draft may be made on the County Treasurer to pay over
to them the amount of said account. Referred to the
Mayor, Aldermen Hayward and Quincy

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Inspectors.
Grant, Gould and Waters, with such as the Board of Aldermen
Aldermen might join a Committee to consider & report
upon the expediency of petitioning to the Legislature for such
a modification of the act concerning Intoxicating Liquors
in the City of Boston as experience dictates to be for the
best interest of the City and the Commonwealth

Resolution ... Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred and Aldermen Farnam and Wells were joined.

Fire dep't Engines leaving Tab. Petition of Rufus Leland, respecting Engines leaving the Lodge. Referred to the committee on the fire department.

Petition of J. W. Snow for the use of the School room in Cheshum Street for a Sabbath School connected with St Pauls Church. Referred to the committee on Public buildings.

Register of deeds have some person appointed to take charge of their Offices in the Old Court House. Referred to the committee on

Mayor and Aldermen to Ordered, that the committee on Public buildings be instructed to procure a new carpet for the Aldermen's room; repair and paint the walls, whiten the ceiling and take down the curtains and that the expense thereof be paid from the appropriation for Public buildings

Court House Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Wilmore and Quincy; with such of the Common Council as may join in, be a committee to consider & report what disposition shall be made of the Court House on Court Square, & whether it is expedient to provide additional accommodations for the offices of the City Government. And that the concurrence. Came up concurred; and

the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Gordon Q.
Sofolyn, Curtis, Perkins and Austin.

Order of the common Council appoint- Accounts
ing, Messrs. James Harris, Ebenezer Ellis and Thomas C. Committee on
Emery, a committee on accounts on its part, to unite
for concurrence. Agreeable to assignment, the board
proceeded by ballot to the choice of said Committee
on its part, and the votes being taken, it appeared
that Aldermen Joseph H. Hayward and Nathan
Curtis were chosen.

Aldermen Hayward & Burney were ap- County
pointed a Committee on County accounts. accounts

Petition of Rufus Welch, Manager of Welch
the Lion Theatre, pray- ing that the sum [illegible]
a License for said Theatre be at the same rate as those
of the Tremont and National Theatres. Referred to
the Committee on Licenses.

Resolved, That during the current Public buildings
year, the Mayor and Aldermen shall have the im- Rules
mediate care and superintendence of the public build-
ings; and it shall be their duty to keep the same in
repair and good order; That they shall have full pow-
er to grant the gratuitous use of them for public
purposes, for a term of time not exceeding [illegible]

Resolved, that the [illegible]
men be and they are hereby empowered [illegible]

10. leases and contracts for leases for the public buildings when such is reserved, subject however, to the sanction and ratification of the common council previously to its having any obligatory effect on the City.

Resolved, that the sanction & ratification of the said leases and contracts for leases by the common council shall be evinced in the following manner, viz: that all such leases and contracts when the term does not exceed three years shall previously be examined and ratified by a standing Committee of the common council. And that all such leases and contracts when the term exceeds three years shall previously be submitted to said standing committee, whose duty it shall be to report the same to the common council for its sanction and approval.

Resolved, that for the purpose of carrying these resolutions into effect, there shall be appointed a standing committee of the Common Council, on public buildings to consist of five members. And a like standing committee of the board of Aldermen consisting of three members. Read and lapsed. Sent down for concurrence.

The Common Council concurred.

Drains & Sewers

Order of the common council directing that the Engineer on file relating to sewers and drains be referred to Messrs. Austin, Waters and Lincoln with such as the board of Aldermen might join to consider and report. Read & concurred. Aldermen Wetmore & Bowne were joined.

The City Treasurer and Auditor of accounts having exhibited the account of [illegible] Wentworth, whereby it appeared that there was due to him the sum of $288. which was secured by a mortgage recorded with the Registry of deeds Liber 6 fol. 29. & been paid both Principal and interest. Thereupon Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized and requested to discharge the same on the records.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the sixteenth day of January Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen.

Ordered, that the Mayor & Aldermen Surveyors of Highways be, and they are hereby appointed Surveyors of Highways, the present year, according to the terms of an ordinance passed May 9th 1832. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Petition of [illegible] Hall for the use of the Almshouses, that he may be allowed an assistant. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

12.

Fitts' Claim

The City Solicitor's communication re-
specting a claim of the heirs of James Fitts in and to
a piece of land north of Faneuil Hall Market. Referred
to the Mayor, Alderman Farnam & Wolmore.

Hendley

The Committee on Public buildings to whom
was referred the application of S. C. Hewitt to have
the rent of store occupied by Stimpson & Hendley re-
duced, reported, that a new lease be granted to Stimp-
son & Hendley on the same terms as before.
Read and accepted.

Lowell

Petition of C. R. Lowell, for repairs on build-
ings in Prince street. Referred to the Committee on
Public buildings.

Order of Common Council appointing Messrs.
Hunter, Fox & Tuttle with such as the Board of Al-
dermen might join, a committee to whom shall be re-
ferred so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the
land and buildings now occupied as the Jail on Leverett
street; together with the report and resolutions now on
file relative to said subject to consider and report.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and
the Committee on the Jail and House of Correction were
chosen.

Committee

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs.
William Phillips, J. Brooks, with such as the Board of Al-

[illegible] ing of the House of Correction at South Boston came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & the Committee on the Jail and House of Correction were joined.

Order of the Common Council abounting Messrs Grand, Gould & Dunham with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider & report upon the expediency of providing some place more convenient and accessible, than the Hospital at Rainsford Island, for the reception of persons having contagious or infectious diseases. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred and the committee on quarantine were joined. Hospital Rainsford Island.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Williams, Jas Harris, Chapman Waters, Savage, Cornell, and [illegible] with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a Standing Committee on the introduction of Pure and Soft water into the City. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, and the Mayor, Aldermen Farnam, Wetmore, Gurney, & Hayward were joined. Water

Order of the Common Council appointing the Water above named Committee with [illegible] Aldermen might join, a committee to consider & report what measures are necessary to be taken for the purpose of carrying into execution, the recommendations given to the last City Council contained in certain Resolutions passed at a legal meeting &c.

Inhabitants of Boston on the 22d day of August last on the subject of supplying the City with pure water the same having been referred to the Council. And with special instructions to report upon the expediency of employing a suitable number of commissioners to examine in the different sources of supply, the owners of the water the price at and at which it can be had; the different modes of bringing it in, an estimate of the costs of each, & in general all the facts connected with the subject, the committee to report upon the expediency of employing said commissioners before entering upon the consideration of any other matters contained in this order. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and the same committee above named were joined.

Federal Street

Ordered, That there be paid to Clement Willis the sum of one hundred & twenty five dollars in full for expenses he may have incurred by taking down and rebuilding the front of a store he was erecting on the corner of High Street and Federal Street as ordered, including materials and all damages he may have sustained.

Mass Medical Association

Order of the Common Council directing that the memorial of the Boston Medical Association now on the files together with the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate the interment of the dead," be referred to Messrs Quincy, Healey & Shattuck, with such as the Board of Aldermen might join to consider and report. Came

matter on burial grounds, were joined.

Petition of the Franklin Hook and Ladder Company No 2. that they may be furnished with fifty five Caps. Referred to the Committee on the fire department. Hook & Ladder No 2.

Ordered, that the rules and regulations of the fire department respecting Engines leaving the City in case of fire in the neighbouring towns be recommitted with instructions to consider the expediency of granting the town of Chester. Engines leaving the City

Asa Wilkins licensed as an Auctioneer corner of Fitts & Merrimac streets, he giving bonds. Auctioneer

Petition of Guy C. Haynes, and others, to have a School for boys established at East Boston Referred to the Mayor, Aldermen Hayward and Wells with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part the standing committee on instruction. Haynes School house East Boston

Ordered, that the rules & regulations respecting granting licenses, be referred to the committee on licenses with instructions to consider and report upon the expediency of adopting the same, with such modification as they may deem expedient. Licenses rules & granting

Ordered, that Aldermen Hunting and Laing be a Committee to meet the Committee appointed by the Board

16. town of Roxbury for the purpose of running the line between that town and this City above the Southerly bridge to South Boston.

Petition Jonathan Tolt and Fremont Street

Ordered, that the petitions of Jonathan Tolt and Elizabeth Bowdoin, Claiming damages in consequence of laying out and extending Fremont Street, be taken from the files of the last year and referred to the Committee on Streets.

City Marshal chosen

Daniel Parkman, Esquire was nominated and appointed City Marshal.

Petition.

The Committee on Public buildings to whom was referred the Petition of [illegible] for the use of a room in the School house on Dedham Street, Report, that in their opinion leave should be granted to the within petitioners to use the school room applied for and offer the following order. For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot. Read, accepted, and Ordered that S. H. Snow be permitted to use the School room in Dedham Street, provided he will be responsible for all damage which may [illegible]

Register of deeds & Probate

The Committee on Public buildings to whom was referred the Petition of the Registers of deeds and Probate to have one person appointed to take charge of their Office. Report that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and ask leave to report the following order. For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot. Read, accepted, and thereupon Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to employ a suitable person to

take charge of the rooms occupied by the Probate Court &c.
and Registry of deeds.

The Committee on Public buildings to whom was
referred the petition of Milton Daggett &c. praying
a room in the Wells School House: Report, That in their
opinion it would be inexpedient to allow the use of the
room asked for in the evening, but that there is no objec-
tion to the petitioner being allowed the use of it gratis on
Sundays, provided they will be responsible for all damage which
ensue. They offer the following order. Per the Committee
Samuel A. Eliot. Read, accepted, and thereupon
Ordered, That Milton Daggett & others be allowed to
use a room in the Wells School House for the purpose of
a Sunday School during the pleasure of the City Council they
making good all damage which may ensue from such use.

Adjourned to twelve o'Clock tomorrow
noon.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the Sev-
enth day of January, Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen.

Daniel Parkman, Esquire appeared & took the oath required by law to qualify him to execute the office of City Marshal. Bond ordered.

18. ...d perform the duties of City Marshal.

Eddy City Marshals

Ordered, that the City Marshal be authorized to appoint two deputies.

Appointed

The City Marshal nominated and appointed Charles B. Wells and Hezekiah Earl as his deputies, which nomination and appointments were confirmed by the board and they were appointed accordingly.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock

P. M.

A meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the twenty third day of January Anno Domini 1837.

—Present—

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen.

Resident Physician Chosen.

Agreeably to assignment the board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Resident Physician at Rainsford Island, and the votes being taken it appeared, that Doctor Perome C. C. Smith was unanimously chosen.

Sent down for concurrence

Came up Concurred.

The board also proceeded by ballot to the Keeper of Rainsford Island
choice of Keeper of Rainsford Island and upon the votes being taken, it appeared, that John Minot was unanimously chosen, in concurrence with the Common Council.

The board also proceeded by ballot to the choice of Hay weighers, and the votes being taken it appeared, that John C. Bradford was chosen for the Northern district and Ebenezer Clough for the Southern district. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Hay weighers.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of nine Directors of the House of Reformation, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Edward Brooks, Henry F. Baker, Barra Frank, John L. Dimmock, George W. Emerson, John D. Fisher, Zachariah Sellon, John Rayner and James C. Wildmere were chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

House of Ref. Directors Chosen.

Order of the Common Council instructing the Committee on water to consider & report upon the expediency & probable cost of constructing one or more Artesian wells at the expense of the City in order to test the quantity & quality of water to be obtained therefrom. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Water.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Curtis, Bartlett and Ellis, with such of the Board of Alderman might join a committee to consider & report

Salaries.

Annual salaries should be allowed the several City and County Officers for the ensuing year. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Turnan & Hunting were joined.

Quarantine. Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Nolan, Hastings and James Harris, with such as the Board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider & report whether it is expedient to make any, and if any, what alterations in an Ordinance of the City entitled "An Ordinance establishing and regulating the quarantine of Vessels" passed August 10th 1833, in regard to the powers given to the Mayor and Aldermen, the duties of the Resident Physician, the time specified for his residence at Rainsford Island, and all other matters relative to the safety and comfort of persons confined there by disease. Came up for concurrence. Read and Concurred, and the Committee on the External Health Department was joined.

Hospital Order of the Common Council recommitting the report of the committee who were instructed to consider and report whether it is expedient to make some better provision and accommodation than the Hospital at Rainsford Island for the reception of persons having any contagious or infectious disease with instructions viz. to confer with the Consulting Physicians of the City and ascertain if in their opinion it is necessary to incur the expense of obtaining a temporary place of reception for those persons who are unfortunately affected with small Pox or other contagious disease [illegible] to consider and to consult them in relation

to the location of such place of reception. Came up for Con-
concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Standing Committee on the introduction "Water
of Pure and Soft water into the City, in obedience to the Spe- Commissioners
cial instructions of the City Council, to report upon the ex- to be appointed
pediency of employing a suitable number of Commissioners
for the purposes mentioned in the order, passed January 1st
1857, have attended to the subject, and offer the following
Report. The Committee have no hesitation in saying
that they think it in the highest degree expedient that
Commissioners should be appointed according to the rec-
commendation contained in the Votes passed at a City
meeting in August last. In a business of so much detail it
would be scarcely possible to proceed in any other way; and the
only hesitation can be as to the proper number of such Com-
missioners. The Committee think it would be difficult to
select a more suitable number than that mentioned in
the Votes referred to above, viz:- Three. As it is necessary
that the doings of these Commissioners should be constan-
tly under the supervision of the City Council, the Commit-
tee are of opinion that the Standing Committee on the in-
troduction of water, which is the immediate agency of
the City Government on this subject, should have the
power of obtaining and removing them at pleasure,
within certain limits, the amount of their compensation.
They therefore recommend the adoption of the following
Orders.- For the Committee Samuel H. Eliot.
Ordered, That the Standing Committee on the introduc-

Mayor of Boston is authorized and empowered to appoint three Commissioners for the purposes specified in the order of the Common Council passed January 12. 1837. and that the said Commissioners shall be removable at the pleasure of said Committee.

Ordered, that the same Committee be authorized and empowered to fix the compensation of said Commissioners at a rate not exceeding three thousand dollars a year for the time actually devoted to the service by each Commissioner.

Ordered, that the same Committee shall have power to define the duties of said Commissioners. Read & accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Tremont Street

Order of the Common Council instructing the Committee on Public Lands to consider and report as soon as practicable, upon the expediency of widening Tremont Street from Pleasant streets, to the line of the town of Roxbury.

Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

South Boston land at

Order of the Common Council, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to consider and report upon the expediency of selling two lots of land in South Boston, belonging to the City, one of which was selected and appropriated for a burial ground; and the other was formerly connected with the farm. Came up for concurrence

Read and concurred

Order of the Common Council, committing 2:3.
the report of the Auditor of accounts, together with his exhibit. Auditors
of the state of the various appropriations; also orders making va exhibit.
rious additional appropriations, and making various transfe
of appropriation, together with an order in relation thereto
were to borrow a sum of Money to carry the same into effect
to the Committee on Finance. Came up for concurrence
Read and concurred.

Notice was received from the Common Council
Council that they had non concurred the vote passed
passed this board on the ninth instant, respecting the care Conference.
and superintendence of the Public buildings, and diverting
that Messrs Waters, Tuttle & Snow with such as the board
of Aldermen might join, be a committee to prepare and
report an Ordinance in relation to the care & custody
of the Public buildings. Came up for concurrence. Read
and Non concurred and thereupon Ordered; that Alder-
men Wetmore, Farnam and Gurney be a committee to con-
fer with such committee as the Common Council may ap-
point on its part, relative to the subject matter of dif-
ference between the two boards. Sent down for concurra
came up concurred, and the Common Council appointed
on its part Messrs Waters, Tuttle and Snow.

Ordered; that the Mayor be authorized to Remarks
offer a reward, not exceeding the sum of one hundred dol- Ordered
ars for the arrest and conviction of
who shall steal a gold watch of

24. The Committee on the fire department be instructed to inquire into the expediency of asking of the Legislature for an increase of the power of Justices of the Police Court to punish by fine in case of breach of the peace.

Second Church — Petition of the Standing Committee of the Second Church praying that remuneration may be made them for the expense of repairing that bell, on account of the same being rung on the alarm of fire. Referred to the Committee on bells & Clocks.

Bradford & Burckes — Petition of George F. Bradford & Martin Burckes Commercial St. to be reimbursed the damage which they sustained in taking their stable in Commercial Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Wells — Petition of Charles H. Wells, for compensation for extra services as deputy Marshal, since the death of the late Marshal Benjamin Pollard, Empire. Referred to Aldermen Pinney and Hunting.

Baldwin — Petition of Thomas Baldwin, for a license to exhibit the art of legerdemain and strength of agility at a building, bottom of Hanover street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Faneuil Hall — Ordered, that the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to cause to be made new dining tables for Faneuil Hall and to cause settees to be made in the

platform, for the purpose of depositing the same when not in 25.
use; and that the expense thereof be paid from the appro
priation for repairs of Public buildings.

The Committee on the fire department on the Hook & Ladder
memorial of the Hook and Ladder Company No 2, for new Company No 2.
Ordered, that it would be inexpedient to grant
new Caps for said Company, and that the Petitioners
have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Read and accepted.

William Hathuckwood measurer returned, Wood measurer
that he measured the last year 532 loads of wood. returns

Read & filed.

Aldermen Hunting and Richardson Bridges
were appointed a Standing Committee on bridges. Committee on

The Committee on the fire department, to whom Fire dep't
was referred the Chief Engineer of said department return
of fires which happened the last year, and the apparatus be-
longing to the same, reported, that the same be placed on
file.

Read & accepted.

The Committee on the Fire department to Engines
whom were referred the rules of the department relative Rules on leaving
fire out of town, with leave to [illegible] in their opinion that
the town of Dorchester should be added to those towns in
which may be carried in case of fire. [illegible]

Amend the Passage of the following Orders for the Committee

Samuel A. Eliot

Ordered, that the rules & regulations of the Boston Fire Department adopted at a meeting of the Engineers on the 29th Dec. last, and submitted to this board for approval, be so far amended that the Engineers of Wards 11 & 12, and Engines No. 12. 17 & 20 be permitted to go when a fire is in Dorchester.

Ordered, That the rules so amended be approved by this Board.

Read and Passed.

Licenses

The Committee on Licenses to whom were referred the rules & regulations relating granting licenses with instructions to consider and report upon the expediency of amending the same; with such modifications as they may deem expedient, have attended to the subject & ask leave to Report. That in their opinion the resolutions of the board which were passed in 1834 on the subject of licenses to Innholders Retailers & Victuallers, ought to be passed by the present board without modification, and they therefore Report the same. — For the Committee Thomas Wilmore.

Resolved that during the present year, no license shall be granted to an alien, as an Innholder, Retailer or Common Victualler; nor to any person convicted of a breach of the license laws, or of the laws in relation to gaming; nor to any person convicted of keeping a disorderly house; nor until the person applying shall exhibit recommendations; Nor in any obscure or unusually retired places or within from any cause; the character

of the house will not be exposed to the observation of the Police of the City. And whenever a license shall have been granted to any person as an Innholder, Victualler or Common Victualler & such person shall be convicted of keeping a disorderly house, or of a breach of the laws relating to licensed houses or to gambling, that thereupon the license so granted shall be forthwith revoked.

Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Engine Company No 12 to cause the fence to be removed and the passage way paved reported that the same be done.

Engine Company No 12.

Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'Clock P. M.

At a Special meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the twenty third day of January Anno Domini 18[illegible]

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen.

Whereas it having been represented to this board, that John Cooper, who resides in Jay[illegible] place, now labours under the disease called Lock[illegible]

and the opinion of the Consulting Physicians having been required; and they having given the same in writing that the safety of the Inhabitants does not require that the said Cooper should be removed to the Hospital on Rainsford Island; said Cooper having no power to remove any person, unless the Consulting Physicians shall give their opinion in writing to the Mayor and Aldermen; that such removal is necessary and expedient, for the safety of the Inhabitants: Therefore Resolved, that said Cooper be permitted to remain at his residence aforesaid.

Ordered, that the foregoing be published in the newspapers.

Auditor's exhibit

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Auditors exhibit of the state of the various Specific appropriations for the current financial year made a report.

&c

Read and accepted in Common Council, and agreeable thereto the following orders passed viz't an Order making various transfers of appropriations. Also Order making various additional appropriations.

Ordered, That there be added to certain appropriations the following sums of money viz't. To the appropriation for erecting of a House of Reformation at South Boston the sum of ten thousand dollars.

To the appropriation for the paving and repairs of streets the sum of ten thousand dollars.

To the appropriation for widening and extending Washington Street including the expense of widening Common Street near Boylston Street the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby au-

thorized to borrow under direction of the Committee of Ord. 24.
ance, a sum of money not exceeding forty thousand dollars,
to meet the appropriations granted by the foregoing ordi-
nance. Read and concurred, the Board
ing the last order the yeas and nays being required accor
ding to the rule of the City Council, and were taken as foll- Yeas 7. Nays
ows viz: Yeas. Aldermen Farnam, Wetmore, Gurney, Hay- 0.
ward, Hunting, Quincy, Wells, Nicholson, & Taylor.

Adjourned to Monday next, four Clock
P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the thir-
ty first day of January Anno Domini 1837.

Present.

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen.

Agreeable to assignment the board proceed Superintendent
ed by ballot to the choice of Superintendent of Streets and of Streets chosen
the votes being taken it appeared, that Zephaniah Sampson
was unanimously Chosen. Read down for concurrence
Same not concurred.

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Bridges

Order for a joint ballot to be taken by ballot to the choice of Superintendents of the free bridges [illegible] that Samuel Jenkins was chosen for the Northern and Royal Oliver for the Southern. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Faneuil Hall

Isaac Phillips was nominated and appointed Superintendent of Faneuil Hall.

Second Church

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Second Church in Boston to be reimbursed the expense of repairing their apparatus to their bell. Reported an order that there be paid to said Church & Society, thirty five dollars and forty two cents, being one half of the bill of repairs aforesaid. Read & accepted.

Clapp

Petition and order of the Legislature thereon, of Nathaniel Clapp, and others, Inhabitants of Little Neck in Dorchester, praying to be annexed to Boston. Read and committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Walmsley & Hunting with such as the Common Council may join to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs Gould, Waters, Tuttle, Harris, Williams and Jenkins.

Canocek bridge.

Petition of the Canocek free bridge Corporation, to the Legislature, and the order of Notice thereon, for a modification of their Charter. Read and committed to

the Mayor, Aldermen Wilmot & Tuttle, with such of the Common Council may join, to consider and report... Read & laid down for concurrence... Came up Concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part. Messrs Gould, Wales, Eames & Harris Williams & Jenkins...

Order of the Common Council committing the Petition of Henry Blake, & others, Surveyors of Lumber for an alteration of the ordinance regulating the Survey of Lumber as will increase that portion of fees belonging to them... to Messrs Savage, Bullard & Bolles, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to consider and report... Came up for concurrence... Read and concurred, and Aldermen Farnam & Gurney were joined... Blake Surveyors of Lumber

Petition of George Hallet & Prince Hawes to have obstructions removed from the streets near Faneuil Hall Market... Ref[d] to the Committees on the streets & on the Market... Hallet

Petition of Franklin Dexter, and others, to have the Avenue on the easterly side of the Court House called Chancery lane... Referred to the Committee on Street. Dexter

Petition of Daniel Sargent, and others, to be paid for their land taken to continue Clark Street to Commercial Street... Referred to the Committee on Streets. Sargent

Petition of Elijah T. Walkerbee to be paid for land taken to widen Summer Street... Referred to the Com[e] on Str[s] Walkerbee

Petition of Henry Homer, Messenger & Keeper of Rooms of the Municipal Court, for an increase of his compensation. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

Petition of [illegible] for an increase of his pay. Referred to the Committee on External Health.

Memorial of M. Jones concerning an improvement in Street Lamps. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

An order of the Common Council allowing the Charitable association of the fire department, one thousand dollars. Referred to the Committee on said department.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles D. Wells for an allowance for extra duties performed by him since the decease of the late City Marshal until the appointment of the present officer; are of opinion that compensation should be granted him and ask leave to report the following Order viz: Ordered; that the sum of seventy five dollars be paid to Charles D Wells, late City Marshal, the amount to be drawn from the appropriation for salaries of City officers. Edmund Dunn, Per Order Auditing Committee. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of E. R. Durrell praying for certain reliefs, are of opinion that said reliefs are therefore recommend the following Order. Per the Committee

Samuel A. Eliot... Ordered, That the Committee on the 33.
Fire Buildings be instructed to cause the necessary repairs to be
made on the buildings on Browns Wharf... Read & accepted.

The Committee on the Fire Department who were Police Court
directed to inquire into the expediency of applying to the Power of
Legislature for an increase of the power of Justices of the
Police Court to punish by fine in cases of breach of the
peace, have attended to the subject and ask leave to
Report; That it appears to them that the punishment
which the Police Court has now the power to inflict for
any offence, amounting to the sum of twenty dollars only
is inadequate to the nature of the offence
offence which is committed by those evil disposed or
[illegible] to raise a false alarm of fire... They
do not believe, however, that it would be expedient to
ask for a general power to be given to the City Police Courts
merely to reach a particular breach of the peace... They there-
fore deem it advisable that the power should be granted
to punish the offence of raising a false alarm of fire by a heavy
fine, not exceeding fifty dollars, on the same principle
as that power has been already given in cases of violation
of the health laws, to the same Court... They therefore re-
port the passage of the following order. For the Committee.
Samuel A. Eliot...,

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to petition the
Legislature in the name of the City Council, for an increase
of the power of the Justices of the Police Court to punish
fine by fine offence of raising a false alarm of fire... Read and

accepted. Laid down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Rules & Orders of City Council

The Joint Committee of the City Council to whom was referred an Order to prepare and report Rules and Orders for the Government of the two branches of the City Council, have attended to that service and ask leave to Report. That they have examined the Rules and Orders heretofore approved and adopted by the City Government. They find that the same book with the Rules and Orders contains the City Charter, some of the Ordinances, the names of the members of the City Council, all joint and special Standing Committees, and the City Officers, all which have been very convenient to refer to and the Committee recommend the continuation of the practice.

The Committee further recommend to add, to be placed next to the City Charter in the same book the following Statute Laws. These Laws apply particularly to this City and should be familiar to the members of the City Council, viz: The Law on the confinement of Idiots and Insane Persons passed April 13. 1836. on Watchmen, how to be equipped, March 28th 1834. on the School Committee of the City of Boston. April 7th 1835. On Wooden Buildings in the City of Boston. April 8th 1835. On Islands and Beaches in the Harbour of Boston. March 31. 1834. with the above additions and inserting the names of the present City Council the Committee recommend the same to the present City Government [illegible] the Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted. Henry Farnam. Read & accepted.

Laid down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.

The Committee to whom was referred the 35.
Order of the City Council to consider and report upon the ex- Juvenile offenders.
pediency of applying to the Legislature for such a modifica-
tion of the act concerning Juvenile Offenders in the City
of Boston as experience dictates to be for the interest of
the City, & the greater usefulness of said Institution, have
attended to the subject and ask leave to submit the follow-
ing Report. They have examined the various questions
that presented themselves in all the relations that
occurred to their minds, and with all the deliberation due
the importance of the subject demanded. They are aware
that many children in the City are in such unfortunate
circumstances, or have such dangerous propensities, that
both they and the City would probably be benefited by
their subjection to the wholesome restraint and discipline
of the Institution prepared for such young persons; and
[illegible]
were not able to devise an unobjectionable mode of facili-
tating their introduction into it. But upon a careful
examination of the provisions of the Law it appeared to
the Committee that all which could safely be done to-
[illegible]
children who ought to be sent there was already done.
The Police and Municipal Courts are empowered &
do send young persons to the House on the complaint
of any one of a numerous body comprising the Mayor and
Aldermen, the Directors of the House of Industry, & the
House of Reformation, and the Overseers of the [illegible].
It was said that experience proved that these gentle

36 men were reluctant to take the trouble and encounter
disagreeable circumstances attendent upon an applica-
tion to the Courts, and that many children who ought
to be placed in the House of Reformation were leading
vagrant lives endangering themselves and the City with
out interference or the fact of any of these persons who
were called on for a moral subservience of the causes.
of it the committee while they regret the existence
of any such feelings, cannot but think it would be of
a dangerous tendency to attempt to remove it by giving
power to any man, or body of men to commit children to the
house with less formality, or less publicity of investigation than
is now required... It is moreover scarcely probable, that the
Legislature would grant the power if asked for... If the atten-
tion of the Board of Directors of the House could be drawn
to this point, and they could devise some plan of operation a-
that of Boston & this agent once would reach a greater
number of children than are now made subjects of the
house, the spirit of the law might be more effectually called
into exercise, and the benefits of the institution extended...
Under the circumstances and with these views the committee
think that it would be inexpedient to apply to the Legisla-
ture for any modification of the existing law, and ask to
discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot... Read &
accepted... Sent down for concurrence
Came up concurred.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Guy C. Haynes and others, for a Grammar School at East Boston, have examined into the condition of that portion of the City, and are of opinion that a Grammar School is required there, and that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted. They recommend the passage of the following order. — For the Committee Samuel A Eliot. — East Haynes East Boston School.

Ordered, That a Grammar School be established at East Boston, to be under the direction of a Master with not more than one female assistant. — Read and accepted. — Sent down for concurrence. — Came up Concurred with the following amendments viz: Ordered, That a Grammar School for the instruction of Males and females be established at East Boston to be under the direction of a Master, who shall be entitled to one female assistant whenever the number of [illegible]

Ordered, That Messrs Gould, Adams and Snow with such as the Mayor and Aldermen may join be a Committee to provide a room suitable fitted up for the accommodation [illegible]

[illegible] Committee, that a Master may be appointed for the new School. — The question being stated upon the passage of the order in concurrence, as amended, it was carried in the affirmative. — Came up for concurrence. Read and Concurred.

The joint Committee of the City Council whom were appointed to consider and report whether it is expedient Quarantine

38. To make any and if so what alteration in an Ordinance of the City entitled "an Ordinance establishing and regulating the quarantine of Vessels" passed August 10th 1833. in regard to the powers given to the Mayor and Aldermen. The duties of the Resident Physician. The limits specified for his residence on Rainsford Island. And all other matters relative to the safety and comfort of persons confined there be desired" have attended to the subject committed to them and direct me to Report. That they are unanimously of opinion that it is inexpedient to make any alteration in said Ordinance. and they therefore ask to be discharged. For the Committee Nathl Wetmore. Read & accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Overseers of the Poor

Whereas by the provisions of the City Charter all Boards and Officers under the authority of the City of Boston and entrusted with the expenditure of public money and made accountable therefor to the City Council are required to publish and distribute annually for the information of the Citizens a Statement of receipts and expenditures and also a particular Statement of all City property, and whereas it is indispensable in order to a faithful discharge of public duty that the City Council who make appropriations and assess taxes should have specific information of the income in any way accruing to the City and whereas certain large sums of money are in the charge and custody of the Overseers of the Poor of said City, who exercise exclusive control over it without rendering

ing account thereof to the City Council, be it therefore

Resolved, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Troy in City Council assembled, that the Overseers of the Poor be, and they hereby are requested to communicate to the City Council, as soon as may be a statement of the amount of the property in the care and custody of that Board as trustees or otherwise; for charitable uses, for the benefit of the City, or any part of it. Inhabitants receiving the following particulars. The origin nature and principal amount of any fund, trust or bequest, and the conditions accompanying it. The present amount of each fund, the income derived from it, and the application made of such income: and the name which, and persons to whom any account is or has been rendered in relation thereto. The aggregate amount of funds in the hands of such Overseers, the nature of their investment, and the mode of their transfers. The security taken by the board, or any officer from the commencement of the trust of such funds.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to communicate the preamble and resolution to the Board of the Overseers of the Poor, and ask for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock P.M.

40. A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the sixth day of February, Anno Domini 1837.

Present.

The Mayor, and the whole Board of Aldermen.

Aspinwall — Petition of Samuel Aspinwall, and others, to have Commercial Street carried thro' the Marine Railway. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Hyde — Petition of the heirs of Ezra Hyde to be paid for Everett & Second Land taken to widen Everett and Second Streets. Referred Streets. to the Committee on Streets.

Homer — Petition of George Homer, and others, to be paid for Land taken to widen Bowdoin Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Tefft — Petition of Samuel Tefft, to be paid for land Tremont Street taken in the year 1832, to widen and extend Tremont Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Cutterwood — Petition of Cutterwood, for leave to erect a building on the land of the City west of Charles Street Panorama for the purpose of exhibiting the Panorama of Terra Firma Company Falls of Niagara. Referred to the Committee on

Lowell — Petition of Perez Lowell for a licence to exhibit a group of Statuary called the Last Supper, in the building

called the Committee on Public Lands, to which it was
referred.

Petition of Josiah Dunham, and others, and the Dunham.
order of the Legislature thereon; to be incorporated to
build a wharf at South Boston. Referred to the Com
mittee on Public Lands on the part of the Board.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Humphrey, and others, Humphrey.
against the erection of buildings near Faneuil Hall
Market and North Market Street. Referred to the
Committee on the fire department.

Ordered, that the Committee on the Pauper, House City Lands
of Correction, Reformation and Industry, be instructed to South Bos.
consider and report upon the expediency of giving a distinct
name to the lands of the City at South Boston, by which the
same may hereafter be designated.

The Surveyor General of Lumber made his annual Lumber
return of the lumber surveyed by the deputy surveyors. Surveyor Generals
Read and sent down. Return.

The Superintendent of the sale of Public Lands, return Returns
of the land sold and leased the last quarter. The Treasurer and
or of the Northern Scales and City Clerks returns of Monies
received by them respectively the last quarter and fiscal year
the City Treasurer, and the Superintendent of Burial ground
the two last quarters. Read and sent down.

House of Correction

A Report of the inspectors of Prisons, as to the House of Correction from June 29th to December 1836. Referred to the Committee on Jail & House of Correction.

Weatherbee Summer St.

The Committee on the Petition of Elijah S. Weatherbee, to be paid for land taken to widen Summer Street, reported that the Petitioner has no claim, and ask to be discharged. Accepted.

Porter Pump Dock Sq.

The Committee on the Petition of Edward Porter and others to have a pump repaired in Dock Square, reported, that the pump should be put in repair and the house attached upon the owners of real estate in the vicinity according to the Ordinance for the repair and keeping in order public wells and pumps. Accepted.

Wood measurers return

Jacob Herrick wood measurer returned that he measured the last year 290 loads of wood, read and filed.

Public buildings

The Committee of Conference on the part of this Board on the subject of difference between the two branches of the City Council, in relation to the care and superintendence of the public buildings, have met the Committee on the part of the common Council and Report, that the Common Council ought to recede from their vote of Jan'y 9th 1837, by which they appointed a Committee, on their part with instructions to draft an Ordinance in addition to the care and custody of the Public Buildings, the Common Council nonconcurred with this Board in the passage of Certain

Resolutions relating to the same subject and the Committee further report that said Resolutions ought to be passed as amended and taken into a new draft... Accepted and agreeably thereto the Board reconsidered its former vote, and passed the resolutions as taken into a new draft, in concurrence with the Common Council; viz^t

Ordered, That during the current year, the Mayor and Aldermen, shall have the immediate care and superintendence of the Public Buildings; and it shall be their duty to keep the same in repair and good order; and they shall have full power to grant the gratuitous use of the same for a term of time not exceeding thirty days.

Ordered, That there shall be appointed a Standing Committee of the City Council on Public Buildings to consist of three members of the Board of Aldermen and of five members of the Common Council; and the said Standing Committee are hereby authorized and shall have full power to make and execute all leases and contracts for leases of the Public Buildings when rent is reserved and for a term not exceeding three years.

Ordered, That all such leases and contracts for leases where the term exceeds three years, shall be committed to said Standing Committee; and it shall be their duty to report the same to the City Council for its sanction and approval before the same shall have any obligatory effect on the City.

The Overseers of the House of Correction made their account of the receipts and expenditure of that institution for the year ending this day presented and referred to the Committee on County accounts.

Order of the Common Council instructing the Committee on Rules and Orders to cause to be published & bound in the same style as those of the last year, the usual number of Copies for the use of the City Council.—

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock P. M.

—At a Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the tenth day of February A.D. 1837.

—Present—

The Mayor— Aldermen Holmes, Hunting, Quincy, Wells and Richardson—.

The Committee to whom was referred the order of leave from the Legislature, on the Petition of Malbone Watkins, and others, for the annexation of a part of Dorchester, called Dillis Island to the City, have attended to the duty and ask leave to report; That in their opinion the annexing of that part of Dorchester to the City

would be attended with many disadvantages of sufficient importance to outweigh the benefits and inconveniences to which the city would be exposed in consequence of the annexation

of no small magnitude to disturb bounds which have been long known, & have become so familiar as those of that part of the City distinguished as South Boston. The existing boundaries all bear to the Committee quite as natural and convenient as those proposed to be established by the petitioners; and the object in view of the municipal authorities who originally fixed the present ones was precisely to save the City from the liabilities to which they would be exposed by the lines now talked of. Little Neck, as it is called, is a small hill with seven or eight dwelling houses upon it standing nearly in the midst of a large marsh which separates it both from Dorchester & Boston, the greater part of which marsh the petitioners are desirous of annexing to Boston, together with the hill upon which said dwellings stand. The only valuable part of which would be added to the City by the proposed change is the hill with what stands thereon, while it is not difficult to foresee the expense of making & maintaining the over the marsh, which the City would be speedily called on to maintain, if not to make. It is indeed avowed by the petitioners, that the making of such streets or roads is one of their principal objects, for the purpose of avoiding a toll which they think burdensome. It seems to the committee scarcely reasonable that the City should be exposed to a heavy & perpetual tax, in order to relieve a few individuals from a slight one of limited duration. In stated nature of their position it will still have to be called one, of which they were aware, at the time they selected their residence, and it appears

[illegible] to the natural inconvenience as well as enjoy the advantages of their very pleasant loca-
[illegible] instructed to present a memorial to the Legislature re-
monstrating in the name of the City Council, against
the annexation of Little Neck so called, to Boston.
Per the Committee Samuel A. Eliot. Read &
on the question of accepting said report, in concurrence the
[illegible] was carried in the affirmative by
Yeas Alderman Wilmore, Harding, Quincy & Wells 5.
Nay. Alderman Richardson 1. So the same passed in
concurrence with the Common Council.

Appropriation. Order of the Common Council committing
to the Committee on finance the auditor's exhibit of the state
of the various specific appropriations granted by the City
Council to defray the expenditures of the current financial
year. together with the order adding to the appropriation for
for the fire department and withdrawing from the appro-
priation for gilding upon the west wing of the House of Corre
tion.. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred.

Engine No 8. The Joint Committee appointed to consider and
report on the expediency of complying with the request of
sundry inhabitants of the Southerly section of the City that
a new Engine House may be erected for Engine No 8. near
its present location; have attended to the subject, and ask
leave to report.. That they have examined various lo-

cations in the vicinity of the present Engine House No 16.
have agreed that the most convenient place they have
been able to find is the vacant lot owned by the City
on Fremont Street, in the rear of the Johnson School
House. They therefore recommend that a new Engine House
be erected for Engine Co 8 on the said lot as the safety and
convenience of the inhabitants seem to require that such
accommodation be granted to a company in that neighborhood. They respectfully submit the following order; for
[illegible] Com[illegible] H. Ed[illegible]:

Ordered; That the Committee on the Fire Department be
authorized to cause a new Engine House to be erected on
the vacant lot of land belonging to the City in the rear
of the Johnson School House at an expense not exceed-
ing the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars.- In
Common Council referred to the Committee on finances.
Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred.

The following motion made by Alderman Richardson; and on his motion was laid on the table viz- & read.
Ordered, that the Mayor be requested to lay before this
board the amount of assessments and expenditure on last
year of the [illegible] and [illegible]
larizing the items of expenditure.

Order of the Common Council declining that
there be paid to the Charitable appropriation of the Poor [illegible]
Department in aid of its grants and [illegible]

of all claims of said association or any of its members on the City, for relief by reason of injury sustained or sickness contracted in the discharge of their duties for the year 1836 the sum of one thousand dollars and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the Fire Department. Came up for concurrence. Read and passed in concurrence, agreeably to the report of the Committee.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the thirteenth day of February, Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen, except Alderman Gurney.

Ordered that the Chief Engineer be authorized to procure a Hook and Ladder Engine, and that an alarm bell be placed on their Engine house at East Boston. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Lion Theatre

The Committee on the petition of the Manager of the Lion Theatre, that the license may be granted to

said Theatre on the same terms & conditions as the other Theatres reported, that said petition ought to be granted.

Read and agreed to.

Overseers of the House of Correction annual report of House of the receipts and expenditures and the State of that institution Correction for the last year.. Read and sent down.

The Committee on the Petition of Peter C. Hanson & Howe. a license to exhibit at Harding's Gallery in School Street, for three months, a group of Statuary called the Last Supper, reported that the prayer of said Petition be granted

Read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of Howe of the Overseers of the House of Correction, reported, that Correction they have examined the same and find them correctly cast

Read and sent down.

Ordered, that Aldermen Hanlin and Quincy be a Committee with full power to cause that part of Suffolk Upper Street. Street between Dover and Castle Streets to be finished & put in good order to accommodate the public travel.

Petition of Lois Green, Executrix & the will of Wm Greene, to be paid for land taken to extend Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

49. Ordered that there be paid to William Lawrence
Wortman agent of William Wortman the sum of eighty five dollars and
Water Street. fifty cents in full for twenty eight and one half feet of land
taken from his estate to widen Water Street on his private
road and superficial feet of the same and releasing the City
from all damages.

Fire Department. The Committee of finance, to whom was referred
the communication of the Auditor of accounts, reported,
that the following order ought to pass. Ordered, that
the sum of three thousand and five hundred dollars be, and
the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the
fire department; and that the same sum be withdrawn
from the appropriation for filling up the west wing of the
House of Correction. - Read and passed. -
Sent down for Concurrence.
Came up concurred.

Piper - Petition of Solomon Piper, praying that under
all may be allowed him, on a sum of money granted him for
damage in taking his land to widen Broad (formerly Deal
Street. - Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Royal Reiner, superintendent of
Western Avenue bridge, for an increase of his salary. Referred
to the Committee on bridges.

City Hall Petition of the Superintendent of Streets, that
[illegible] [illegible]

stables for the horses which are employed, and for the repairs 50.
of the waggons. Referred to the Committee on internal
health.

The auditor of accounts report of moneys re- Auditors
ceived for the quarter ending January 31st 1835. Came up report.
Read and

Petition of J. Binney and others, to have Binney
Fulton Street staked out & cleared. Referred to the Fulton Street
Committee on streets.

Petition of Kendall & Sanderson, to be paid Sanderson
for land taken to widen Kneeland Street. Referred to the Kneeland
Committee on Streets.

Petition of Eliza Bowen to be paid for land Bowen
taken to widen Fremont Street. Referred to the Committee Fremont Street
on Streets.

The Committee on finance to whom was re- Engine
ferred the report of the committee on the Petition of Jun. No 3.
&c. that the Board of Aldermen be authorized &
a new Engine House may be erected for Engine No 3. in its
present location, reported that the prayer be granted with
the addition of the following clause, viz "and that pro-
vision for the same be made in the appropriations for the
next financial year. Read and accepted, and Common
concurrence. Came up Concurred.

51. The Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of [illegible] relative to the Interment of the Dead, an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the interment of the dead" have examined both subjects and ask leave to Report.

First, That the Health Ordinance for the interment of the Dead, has failed to secure to the City Government that control over the burying of the dead which the health of the City requires and which it was the intention of the Ordinance to confer. The one referred to the Committee was drawn & found defective; they have therefore taken a new draft and recommend the passage of the accompanying Ordinance instead thereof as an addition to the Health Ordinances.

Second, The Committee carefully examined the Memorial of the Boston Medical Association, and a number of intelligent Medical Gentlemen, on the subject of a Nomenclature of the causes of death in Bills of Mortality; they find that the Bills of Mortality published by our Superintendent of Burial Grounds are evidently erroneous, and are subject to great animadversion; the consequence entirely of the difficulty of obtaining the names of the diseases that people die with, and without any blame or neglect whatever being attributed to our faithful Superintendent of Burial Grounds.

That some of the Boston Medical gentlemen appear to think it [illegible] to have the words not visited in our Bills of Mortality and the word "unknown" that so frequently occur in the same, it rather derogatory to their character as Medical Physicians; and as it is believed by your Committee that Boston Medical Gentlemen are

as intelligent and skilful in their professions as any others within the United States; and as they are very anxious to have said bills of mortality made more perfect, and are perfectly willing to lend a hand in doing it;— Your Committee therefore recommend that the City Government extend their influence in this laudable and Patriotic undertaking by trying the experiment recommended by them, by passing and carrying into effect the accompanying Resolutions. For the Committee

Tom Thumb.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Burials be directed to cause to be printed for the gratuitous use of the Physicians, blank returns of diseases and nomenclatures of diseases and that one hundred copies of said returns and five copies of said nomenclatures, be left at the residence of every Physician in the City.

Resolved, That every Physician be requested to make return to said Superintendent of every death that shall occur in his practice, within twenty four hours after such death shall take place in the following manner, viz: that it be the duty of every undertaker of burials to call on the Physician who attended the deceased; and obtain the Certificate above mentioned, and thus report the disease.

Resolved, That in cases of death from accidents, or of deaths where there has been no attending Physician, the said undertakers be directed to request the services of a Physician, to inquire into the circumstances of such death, and then give his opinion according to the above mention'd form, excepting however, cases of Suicide and homicide

53. in which a warrant shall of course be the return.
Read & accepted, and the ordinance and resolve passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Catherwood-Panorama

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of F. Catherwood for leave to erect on the City lands at the foot of the Common a temporary building for the exhibition of sundry valuable paintings, have attended to the subject and report that they consider public exhibitions of this kind [illegible] a beneficial influence & deserving the encouragement of the City Government and they therefore offer the following Order.

For the Committee Thomas Melvoin.

Ordered, that permission be given to F. Catherwood to make use of any part of the lands belonging to the City lying west of Charles Street, for the exhibition of paintings as mentioned in the petition and for that purpose to erect such temporary buildings as may be necessary, subject always to the control of this Board, and provided that said buildings shall be made conformable to the laws of the Commonwealth in relation to wooden buildings in the City of Boston.

Read and accepted.

City Lands

The Committee who were instructed to enquire into the [illegible] of erecting a building upon the lands of the City at Faneuil Hall Boston; made a report, which was read and recommitted with instructions to report an order directing that the lands of the City commonly known

as the Farm, on which the house of Industry, Correction and Reformation are situated shall take the name and be known as "City Point".

The Committee on the Jail to whom was referred the report of the Inspectors of Prisons as to the House of Correction from June 29th to 3d December 1836. Reported that the same be placed on file. Accepted and ordered accordingly. "House of Correction

The Committee on the Market, to whom was referred the petition of George Hallet & Prince Hamet to have certain buildings in the vicinity of Faneuil Hall Market Reported the following order viz. Ordered, that the owners of buildings and Oyster Stands, located without the Curb stone in North and South Market streets and also those in Commercial Street between said North & South Market streets remove the same within three months at their own expense and that the Clerk of the Market notify the several tenants. Read and accepted and the order passed and thereupon Ordered, that the Clerk of the Market notify the respective tenants to vacate the premises agreeably thereto. Hallet & Hamet

Adjourned to Monday next at one o'clock P.M.

(52)

A stated meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the seventeenth day of February Anno Domini 1837

Present

The Mayor, Aldermen Wetmore, Gurney, Wells and Richardson.

East Boston School

Aldermen Gurney and Wells were added to the committee of the Common Council, on the subject of a School in East Boston

School fund

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to receive from the State Treasurer the City's proportion of the School fund, amounting to $1523.24.

Petition

Ordered, that a Petition be presented to the Legislature praying that the cost of the Insane part of the State House be paid by the State according to the vote which has passed both Branches.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twenty sixth day of February Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole Board of Aldermen, except Alderman Quincy.

William Barnicoat was nominated & 56.

appointed Chief Engineer of the fire department for Nine. pt.

the year ensuing &c. Sent down for concurrence. Engineer Chosen.

Came up concurred.

The following persons were nominated and Engineers

appointed assistant engineers of the fire department, for the Chosen.

year ensuing, viz. Henry Smith, James C. Sanderson, Richard

A. Howell, Charles S. Clark, John Skelton, Theodore

Burn, Thomas B. Warren, John Green Jr., Henry Towle, Peter

C. Jones, Thomas M. Williams & George W. Wilkins. &c.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Agreeably to assignment the board proceeded Lumber

by ballot to the choice of Surveyor General of Lumber for the Surveyor Gen.

year ensuing, and the votes being taken it appeared that Geo. Chosen

W. Clark was unanimously chosen. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Agreeably to assignment the board proceed Weed Measurers

by ballot, to the choice of Surveyor and Measurer of Wood

brought into the City by water for sale, and the votes being

taken it appeared, that the following persons were chosen

viz. Jonathan Baxter for district No 1.

Warren Booker " " " 2.

Daniel A. Rogers " " " 3.

Josiah Haskell " " " 4.

Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Watch Case

Harvel Case was nominated and appointed Captain Watch Camps of the Watch and Superintendent of Camps for the year ensuing.

City Hall
Public sales in

Order of the Common Council instructing the committee on Public buildings to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting sales by public auction in the area of the City Hall.. came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Constables appointed

Samuel Kupfell and Jacob C. Tallant were nominated and appointed Constables.

Engine No 10.

Petition of Engine Company No 10. for a new Station Engine. Referred to the Committee on the fire department.

Brown.

Petition of Francis Brown and others, praying leave to purchase land for Primary School house. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

Mill Road
Stone Cellar

Ordered, that the Cellar under the Mill-stone at Mill Road be leased to Peter Fisher Junr for ten years from the first day of April next at the yearly rent of [illegible] to be paid annually at the Chamberlains Office.

And Clerk for Concurrence.

Came up & concurred.

Richard
Clark Road

Petition of Daniel Pollard to be paid for land taken to extend Clark Road. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of William A. Holmes, for damages in breaking his carriage occasioned by an embankment placed by Holmes in Beacon Street. Referred to the Committee on paving Beacon Street

Petition of Amelia Mellus, to be paid the Mellus damages she has sustained in consequence of reducing the Town Common level of Beacon and Somerset streets, in front of her house Streets Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Ephraim Marsh, and others, to have Marsh Church Street continued through to Tremont Street. Street &c Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Simeon Palmer, & others, that for reasons engaged in the Clothing business in Ann Street and vicinity, may be prohibited from hanging out large red flags suspended from poles projecting from the front of their shops over the sidewalks. Referred to the City Marshal.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Hancock of the Hancock Free Bridge Corporation, and the order of the Free Bridge. Legislature thereon, that the present rate of toll of the West Boston bridge, may be continued until the sum of eight thousand dollars shall be received, being the amount which said bridge was appraised reported, that it is inexpedient for the City to act in the premises & ask to be discharged from further attention to the subject. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

59. Petition of Ira Barrow, Watchman to be paid the damage he has sustained, by being assaulted, while in the execution of his office... Referred to the Mayor...

Barrow

Petition of D. Fike and others, that a legal meeting of the voters of the City, be called, to be held in Faneuil Hall, on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, at six o'Clock P.M. to determine what measures they will adopt for the object of procuring a supply of pure soft water, for the use of the Inhabitants of the City, at the expense of the City... Read and the prayer thereof not granted.

Pure water

Ordered, that the use of Faneuil Hall be granted to D. Fike, and others, for the purposes mentioned in their petition, relating to the introduction of pure and soft water on any day which they may choose, during the ensuing fortnight, the application to be made of the day which they select.

Fike

Faneuil Hall

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Overseers of the House of Correction, recommending that the sum of [illegible] be granted and paid to the Overseers of the House of Correction, have authorized a draft accordingly on the County Treasurer which will be ready for the Commencement...

House of Correction

Read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the land and buildings belonging to the City on Deverell Street, made a report which was read and laid on the table...

Deverell Street

Ordered, that the Petition of P. T. Jackson in C.C.
relation to certain streets and drains near the Lowell rail Jackson.
way, do not be taken from the files of last year, and referred
to the Committee on Streets.

The Joint Committee to whom was re-committed Hospital
a report by them made, and sundry resolutions & orders there- Rainsford
with offered on the subject of another hospital for persons af- Island
fected with the small pox and other contagious diseases, and
who were instructed "to confer with the consulting Physicians
of the City and ascertain if in their opinion, it is necessary to
incur the expense of obtaining a temporary place of reception
for those persons who are unfortunately afflicted with the
small pox, or other contagious sickness, during the winter, &
to consult them in relation to the location of such place
of reception" have attended to the subject committed to them
and direct me to offer the following Report. In compliance
with the foregoing order, the Committee have conferred with the
Consulting Physicians, and have ascertained their opinion in re
lation to the subject of it. On communicating with them, they
were found to be well acquainted with the present hospital at
Rainsford Island, and with all the advantages and convenien-
cies attending the transportation of the sick to it and after due consider-
ation of the subject they gave an opinion in writing which
the Committee here to annex, and ask leave to make a part of this
report (A). It will appear on examining that document
that the Consulting Physicians agree entirely with the Com-
mittee in the sentiments, expressed in their former Report,
as to the difficulties attending the present hospital ac-

61. tain statutes, and the necessity of providing another, and in the opinion of the Committee the reasons assigned by the Physicians are entirely satisfactory. Their views and reasoning, however, seemed to be predicated on the supposition that the present system of laws for the removal & supervision of small pox patients, was considered by the City Council & Physicians and Inspectors and necessary for the health and safety of the Inhabitants and therefore that it ought to be continued. And the Committee thought it lay within the scope of the powers & duties assigned them to ask the attention of the Physicians to the whole subject of the present system and to request their opinion of its policy and propriety. Their answer received, to a communication of the Committee, on the subject above mentioned and the Committee ask leave to make it part of their report. (K) The result of the deliberation of the consulting Physicians is expressed unanimously, that the present system for the removal and seclusion of persons sick with the small pox is not required for the health and safety of the community. That its operation is frequently cruel; that it unnecessarily alarms and confusion are frequently occasioned; and that it is attended with great and useless expense; They therefore recommend that the practice of removing from the City persons [illegible] for that purpose after the first day of March next. The Committee fully concur in the opinions expressed in the communication of the Physicians and they think that any advice on this subject coming from those who from their profession are so well-

acquainted with it, ought at once to meet with deference & acquiescence. In addition however to the reasons assigned by them, the Committee would remind the City Council that the Statute of the Commonwealth under which the present system was originally established, and has been continued to the present time, was passed in 1792, many years before vaccination was known or established in this country as a preventive of the small pox. The law therefore possibly may have been necessary and proper at that time to prevent the spreading of a most loathsome contagious disease, in a community where almost every individual was liable to be infected, notwithstanding the apparent harshness and severity of some of its provisions. But now, when a sure preventive of this disease has been discovered, and has been adopted by a vast Majority of the inhabitants, when all reasonable fear of its ever prevailing as an epidemic is done away, and when its yearly ravages have for a long time, indeed ever since the introduction of vaccination, been by far less than those of other contagious diseases which are every day occuring and against which the law takes no precaution, - a system which was fit for another state of society, under different circumstances, is not only harsh & cruel, but impolitic, unreasonable and unwise. The Physicians among other reasons for a discontinuance of the present practice state that the terror of general spreading of the small pox would be thereby allayed and the disease would be regarded with no more alarm than measles and other contagious eruptive diseases, and the Committee have been informed by some of the

Gen. ... invariably for several years back, in order to ascertain what has been the number of deaths occasioned by these two disorders... they find that since the beginning of the year 1813 (beyond which time no regular record has been kept) to the beginning of the present year, a period of twenty-four years, there have been recorded but thirty-five deaths by small pox, while the deaths by measles during the same period have been no less than five hundred seventy three... The deaths by small pox have in no year exceeded five, while the deaths by measles in one year amounted to one hundred and eighty eight... And yet it has never been thought necessary to remove those suffering under the latter disease from their homes to hospitals or to seclude them from the attendance of those on whose care they are accustomed to rely... The Committee therefore agree with the consulting Physicians as to the inutility and impolicy of the present practice of removal and seclusion of small pox patients... They regret however that it is not in the power of the City Council to discontinue it... It exists under a law of the Commonwealth, which seems to leave but little discretion to the Council on the subject... The act of 1792. as reenacted by the late revision of the Statutes, imperatively on the City Government to provide hospitals, and to remove to them persons sick with the small pox, when it can be done without endangering their lives... Whether in the present state of public opinion on the subject, an application to the Legislature for its alteration, if one could be favourably received, is extremely doubtful that the Committee

do not limit its removal even to Jerusalem. They can 64.
not but hope however that the alarm and dread of this
disease which has descended to us from other and distant
times, will, at no very remote period, be no longer felt & that
it will be managed as diseases of similar character are.
As the most certain mode of producing this result the
Committee think that the attention of the City Council
and of the Citizens should be imperatively drawn to the
subject of Vaccination. — It was in 1802 that the mu-
nicipal authorities first adopted any measures on the
subject. — The Board of Health then caused twenty two per-
sons to be vaccinated and afterwards sent to a hospital and
inoculated for the small pox "in order as they say, to remove
all reasonable doubts of the utility or inutility of the Kine
pock & vaccine inoculation as a preventive against the
small pox", and the experiment appears to have been quite
successful in proving the value of Vaccination. — Afte
wards, in 1816, the assessors having certified that there
were five thousand seven hundred and fifty three persons
who had never been vaccinated nor had had the small
pox a general vaccination by the order of the Select
& Common Councils of the several wards, since then the matter
has been left very much to the discretion of the inhabi
tants; it is believed however that there are but few who
have not been vaccinated. — The present regulations
of the public schools, by which no child can be ad-
mitted without being [illegible] vaccinated [illegible]
edly, had an extensively beneficial effect on the rest.
Ster of all private Schools should be earnestly advised

[illegible] the same. [illegible] under the City government unless he & his family have undergone the same operation. The inmates of the House of Correction, Reformation and Industry should vaccinated on their admission. And vaccination ought to be performed [illegible] of the City. By the adoption of those & any other measures for the extension of vaccination which may occur to the wisdom of the City Council, the Committee believe that the small pox will in this City in a very short time, be confined to a few isolated cases among those persons who wilfully neglect the means held out to them for protection against it. In the meantime, while acting under our present system, as the City Council are not obliged to remove the sick when such removal cannot be made without endangering life, we trust that the Committee Physicians will at no time advise it if thereby [illegible] treatment or any other cause, the disease will probably be exasperated & increased. Entertaining the foregoing views therefore the Committee do not now deem it expedient to provide another Hospital for [illegible] & other contagious diseases, and they would suggest an additional reason, in the extreme difficulty [illegible] of the impossibility of finding a suitable place for one. Such an establishment must necessarily be within the limits of the City and not within one hundred rods of any dwelling in a neighboring town, without the consent of the Inhabitants of such town. The Committee after an attentive examination have not been able to

discover any place to which strong, if not insurmountable 66.
objections have not been raised. And they ask to be dis
charged from any farther consideration of the subject.

For the Committee Tho^s Wetmore

Read and accepted and
Ordered to be printed, together with the opinion of the con
sulting Physicians. Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.

The Committee on the fire department to whom Humphrey
the remonstrance of Benjamin Humphrey and others was
referred, against the erection of buildings near Faneuil Hall
Market, and North Market Street, Report, That the les-
sees of the City Wharf are about to erect certain wooden
buildings on their premises, which they have given a pledge
shall be in compliance with the requisitions of the law re-
specting wooden buildings; and the committee are not
aware of any power possessed by this board to restrain the
lessees from this exercise of their rights. They therefore ask
to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

For the Committee Sam^l A. Eliot

Read and accepted.

The Committee on public Buildings to whom Merrill & Homer
was referred the Petition of Daniel Merrill and Henry
Homer, for an increase of their compensation for services ren
dered in taking care of the Court House, have attended to
the subject, and report. That there seems to have been a mis
apprehension in the mind of both the petitioners

C.J. the amount they have heretofore received; their accounts having been kept in a way which did not leave it clear what sums they had had of their allowance, and consequently what was the nett salary of each. After a minute and careful investigation, however, & frequent examination of the parties themselves and others who were acquainted with the transactions of the matter, and a comparison of the statements with the Treasurer's books the Committee satisfied themselves that the nett amount received by each of the petitioners within a year, exceeded the sum of Eleven hundred dollars of which seven hundred dollars is the amount paid as salary by the City, and the rest was paid by the Court; and that the other petitioners received from the same sources about seven hundred dollars, besides a compensation for services as copyist, for which it appears that he had leisure enough to earn about $8 a month. Under these circumstances the Committee cannot deem it advisable that the salaries of the petitioners should be increased, and do not indeed, believe that they would have applied for an increase, had they been themselves aware of the amount they actually received. Recommending therefore that the accounts be in future kept with a little more care, to save the trouble of future investigations like that the Committee have just gone through, they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. All which the Committee.

Samuel A. Eliot.

Read & accepted.

The Committee on the Jail and Houses of Cor. & Sec-
tion, Industry and Reformation who were instructed to in-
quire into the expediency of giving a distinct name to the City
Lands at South Boston, Report the following order viz.
Ordered; That the Lands of the City within the enclosure on
which stand the Houses of Industry, Correction & Reforma-
tion shall hereafter be called "City Point."

Read & not accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 Clock P.M.

At a special meeting of the board of
Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Fri-
day the twenty fourth day of February Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, Aldermen Parker, Wilmore, Hayward, Wells
and Richardson.

The Standing Committee on the introduction of a copi- Water
ous supply of pure and soft water into the City [illegible]
me to apply to you for such an extension of their powers
as will enable them to purchase for the City, any piece of gro
nd which may seem to them suitable and expedient, or ne-
cessary for the purpose of establishing a reservoir. They
would not have asked for this power without having

Obtained the recommendation of a particular lot by Commissioners, but for the circumstance of unexpected delays having occurred in the appointment of the commissioners and the fact that an estate is now for sale in the City, which seems to them of the Committee exceedingly desirable for this object. The refusal of this estate has been obtained till Monday [illegible] in case future investigations should show that a reservoir in that place is not needed. Under these circumstances the committee thought it expedient to apply to the Council for a power, the discreet exercise of which could scarcely endanger any interest of the City & might prove of essential service in the execution of a great and favorite work.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following orders. For the Committee Saml A. Eliot, Chairman.

Ordered That the Standing Committee on the introduction of pure water into the City be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow on account of the City a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and real estate which shall appear to them necessary or expedient and suitable for the purpose of constructing a reservoir.

Ordered That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee of Finance, any sum, not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars which may be expended by said committee under this order. Thereupon the Common Council passed the several Orders. Came up for concurrence. Read and on the question of passing the same concurrence the yeas and nays being required agreeably to the rules of the City Council were taken as follows viz. Yeas

The Mayor, Alderman Farnum, Welmore, Aigward, Wells 10.
and Richardson 6. Mays — None. So the same passed in
concurrence with the Common Council.

Ordered, that one thousand Copies of the report of Hospital
the Committee on the subject of Small Pox
affected with the small Pox and other contagious diseases;
be printed and distributed under the direction of the Mayor.

Adjourned to Monday next four
o'Clock P.M.

Meeting of the Board of Alder-
men of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the
twenty seventh day of February, Anno Domini 1837.

Present,

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except
Alderman Quincy.

Samuel Wilson was nominated and appointed Cries
Public Crier.

John R. Bradford, Samuel Wilson, William Wood Messrs
Shattuck, William Fisk, Jacob Harrick and Josiah
Haskell were nominated and appointed Measurers of wood
and bark brought in for sale from the country.

Hancock
Suffolk St.

Petition of Henry R. Hancock, and others, to have Suffolk street carried through to Pleasant Street, Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Otis & Chamberlin
Cadwallader Otis

Petition of Harrison G. Otis and others, and Cadwallader Otis & Chamberlin and others to have Central Street carried through to Blackstone Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Tappan
ingranted

Order of the Common Council committing the Petition of John Tappan, and others, praying that ingrant [illegible], may be committed to attend school or send to the House of Reformation, and that an application be made to the Legislature to obtain an act for that purpose, to the Committee on the Laws relating to Idleness, Correction and Pov[illegible] and that the Board of Aldermen might concur and report. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Committee on the Jail &c was joined.

Williams

Ordered, that the lands of the City common and the farm, on which the Houses of Industry, Correction and [illegible] are situated, be laid out as [illegible]

Roxbury
Roxbury Line

Order of the Common Council, committing a message on making a change in part of the town and City line. Roxbury and the City to Messrs Williams, [illegible] and Savage with such as the Board of Aldermen might join, to consider & report. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred. & Aldermen Farnam & Hunting were joined.

Constitution of Franklin fire Company No 2.
Ward No 8. approved as reported by the Committee on Firemen
the fire department.

Ward No 8.

Ordered, that Hermon Dagyett, Robert [illegible]
Bradford, S. H. Cheney and Samuel S. Bird, be appointed [illegible]
to take charge of the Tank and well in Well Street agreeably
to the resolutions and order passed August 24. 1829.

Petition of the Boston Pat. Society to have Boston Pat
an old building in Sun Court Street removed which they Society
consider a nuisance and dangerous to the wooden
lands. Referred to the City Marshal.

To the City Council;

Gentlemen: At the last session Mayor's Message
of the Legislature of this Commonwealth an act was passed
incorporating the Boston Hydraulic Company, and giving
to that corporation the right to take land and to convey
water into the City within certain limits and under certain
restrictions. The City was entitled to become a part of
this corporation; but having declined doing so, and hav-
ing determined that water shall be brought, if at all
under the exclusive control of the City; it will be necess-
ary to apply to the Legislature for powers similar
in nature to those granted to the Hydraulic Company.
I invite your attention to this subject, recommending that
an application be made to the Legislature during its
present session to give power to the City Council, by a com-

... miles or special agents, to take such land and ponds, or water
... with the consent of the Commissioners ... for
the purpose of introducing a sufficient supply of pure water
into the City within the limit of twelve miles from it and
subject to such other restrictions as the Legislature may
deem proper. — It may become desirable to act under such
powers before another session of the Legislature, and if not
required the obtaining of them can be productive of no in-
jury. — Samuel A. Eliot, Mayor. Read and
thereupon Ordered, That the Mayor be instructed to
apply to the Legislature at its present session, praying
an enactment, by which the City Council, by agents specially appointed
for that purpose, to take any land ponds or water rights
which may be necessary to introduce into the City an abundant
supply of pure and soft water; and to do any thing necessary
for and incidental thereto subject to such limitations as the Legislature
may deem proper. — Sent down for concurrence.

Came up Concurred.

Engine
House
No 11. The Committee on the Fire Department have con-
sidered the subject of the within petition and are of opinion
the prayer of it should be granted. — They ask leave to repeal
the following order ... viz: Ordered, That the Committee on
the Fire Department be instructed to cause an alarm bell
to be erected on the Engine House at East Boston. —
Read and accepted. —

Ordered to be ... next, four O'clock.

... M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the sixth day of March. Anno Domini 1837.

---Present---

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except Alderman Quincy.

Memorial of Ebenezer Clough, hay weigher at the Southern scales praying some alteration in the regulations respecting weighing, and praying that Hay coming into the City over the South bridge, the Neck, Tremont street and Mill Dam, may be exposed for sale at the Southern Hay Scale Market, as was formerly the case, and that the weigher at the northern scales be prohibited from weighing hay &c coming in through those avenues. Also the petitions of Cheney & Webster and others, and Stephen Child, and others, in favor of the same. Referred to Aldermen Farnam, Hayward & Hunting to consider and report.

Clough. Hay weigher

Petition of Downer, Austin & Co & others praying that Engine No 16 may be placed at its former stand on Fort hill and a Company raised to take charge of the same. Referred to the Committee on the fire department.

Downer, Austin & Co

Engine No 16.

Moses Malloy was nominated and appointed a measurer of wood & bark brought into the City for sale, from the country.

J. S. Petition of the South Cove Corporation that the City would construct a Sewer and cesspool in Front Street; also to alter the elevation of said Street at the same time and said Corporation shall construct a Common Sewer from said Street to the Channel. Referred to the Committee on paving.

South Cove Corporation.

Ordered, that the Committee on Common Sewers and drains be instructed to inquire into and report what measures if any, should be taken concerning the 11th section of an act to establish the South Cove Corporation.

Petition of Geo. Williams and others relating the election of a member of the School Committee of Ward No. and against the proceedings at a ward meeting held for that purpose in December last. Referred to the Mayor, Aldermen Belmore and Gurney.

Petition of the Lafayette Guards, that a room for an armory may be assigned to them. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

Petition of the Committee of District No. 5, that a room may be hired for a school in said district. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

Petition of Chas. Tinkham for leave to erect a wall [illegible] on the North [illegible] bridge leading to South Boston. Referred to the Committee on bridges.

A Communication from the Overseers of J.C. the Poor, declining to give a particular account of the pro Overseers
expenditures under their control, other than the annual account of Poor
published by them that further moneys received, and expended by them during the last year. Read and laid
down.

The Committee to whom was referred the Com- City Stables
munication of the Superintendent of Streets, relative to certain
improvements at the City Stables, recommend that the
same be done and that a new hearse house be built near
the hay scales, west of Charles Street. Read & accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Josiah Haskell Haskell
to be appointed a measurer of wood brought from the Country
into the City for sale, reported, that no action of this Board
is necessary and ask to be discharged. Read & accepted.

Ordered, that there be allowed to the Brewer estate
Proprietors of an estate known by the name of the Brewer
estate, the sum of fifteen dollars and forty five Cents being
one months interest on $3090 granted said proprietors for land
taken to extend Federal Street. And that there be
also allowed to Solomon Piper, the sum of fourteen dollars
and twenty Cents, being one months interest on $2840
granted him for land taken to widen Broad (formerly
Sea) street; the payment of said principal sum to be
been delayed for want of appropriation to meet them.

[illegible]

City Hall

instructed to inquire into the expediency of [illegible] on public auction on the area of the City Hall, have attended to the subject, and ask leave to report: that the inconvenience arising from such sale to the public, seems to outweigh any advantage derived from them, and that in their opinion it is expedient that they should be discontinued. For the Committee, Samuel A. Eliot.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

School house East Boston

The joint Committee, of the City Council, instructed to provide a room suitably fitted up for the accommodation of a Grammar school, for males and females at East Boston, have attended to that subject, and ask leave to Report, That they have the refusal of a building for a few days, until the action of the City Council can be had upon the subject, the proprietors of the building make two propositions viz. They offer to lease the building to the City for a school house for any term not exceeding five years at a rent of one hundred dollars per annum, or they will sell the building for four hundred dollars, and lease the land [illegible] the present location during the term of five years free of ground rent or any other charge, if occupied for a school house. This building was erected in June last is 24 by 32 feet located probably, near the center of population; is well covered with boards, clap boards and paint; roof boarded & shingled; inside lathed and plastered throughout, and well glazed; the work appears

to have been done in a fair manner, & the opinion of J.8.
your Committee, this building, will meet all the wants of
East Boston for a Grammar School house, for five years to
come; and then would be a suitable building for a Primary
School, and probably another one would be required by
that time. The result of the two propositions in a pecu-
niary point of view, would be as follows, valuing money at
six per cent per annum simple interest, in case of pur-
chase, the whole sum which will have been paid, includ-
ing the interest at the end of five years will amount to five
hundred and twenty dollars. In case it be taken on lease,
the whole amount which will have been paid including
interest upon those sums as they annually become due if quar-
terly or semiannually the sum would be somewhat larger) at
the expiration of five years would amount to five hundred
and sixty dollars, so that the balance in favour of purchas-
ing in a pecuniary point of view would be forty dollars &
the house. Your Committee are unanimously of opinion that
it would be more advantageous to the City to purchase the
building than to take it on a lease and therefore recommend
the adoption of the following Order. all which is respect
fully submitted. For the Committee Nathan Gurney.
Ordered, That a Committee of the Common Council be ap
pointed, with such as the board of Aldermen might join,
with full power to purchase a building at East Boston for
a Grammar School, for Males and females, known by the
name of the "Central East Boston [illegible]
for hundred dollars. Passed in the Common Council, with
the following amendment, viz "and that the same be charged

Ty. to the appropriation for repairs, fuel, and other contingent expenses of all the Schools except the Primary Schools" and Messrs Gould, Adams and Snow were appointed on the part of the Common Council, came up for concurrence. Read and Concurred and Aldermen Gurney & Hall were joined.

Adjourned to Monday next at 4 Oclock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen except Alderman Gurney.

Simpson — Petition of John E. Simpson, and others, that Snow Hill Street the elevation of Snow hill Street may be fixed. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Neal Street — Petition of Joseph M. Smith & others to have Neal Street widened and numbered. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Paving.

Dunham Dwellings — Petition of Josiah Dunham, and others, that another fire Engine may be procured to be kept near the

Order in Aldermen Water ... Read & Concurred. Dr Haywood &c
offering to take charge of such Engine ... Referred to the Com
mittee on the fire Department ...

Ordered, that there be paid to David Sears, Sears
the sum of twenty three hundred and thirty five dollars in Somerset Street
full for eight hundred and fifty five feet of land, four hun-
dred and eighty five feet of which was taken by the City in
1825, to widen Beacon Street, and the remaining three hun-
dred & seventy feet taken from the same estate in 1836 to
widen Somerset Street, on his giving a good & sufficient deed
of the same, and releasing the City from all damages.

Order of the Common Council committ- Harris
ing the Petition of Joseph Harris, & others to have South Boston
Boston set off and made the 13th ward of the City, to a Com
mittee of 13, one from each ward and one from South Boston
with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to con
sider & report ... Came up for concurrence ...

Read & nonconcurred.

Order of the Common Council appointing Dead-interment
Messrs Snow, Chairman, & Gealon, with such as the board of of
Aldermen might join, be a committee to consider & report
what alterations should be made in the ordinance relating
to the interment of the dead ... Came up for concurrence ...
Read and concurred, and the Committee on municipal affairs
were joined ...

31. Whereas the Overseers of the Poor have by their vote intimated to the City Council their willingness to communicate with the Mayor on the subject of the funds held by the said Overseers of the Poor, Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to call on the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor to ascertain the amount of funds held by them for the use of the Poor of the City, and how said funds are invested. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.

Overseers of Poor

Read and concurred.

Whereas the Joint Committee their former vote on the petition of Council Dixon, and others, praying leave to purchase land for Primary School houses, and thereupon Ordered, that the same be referred to the joint Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence.

Primary School houses

Came up concurred.

Thomas Warren nominated & appointed a constable of the City.

Constable

The Joint Committee to whom were referred the subject of the land and buildings belonging to the City on Laurel Hill, and the report and resolutions now on file relating to said subject, having considered the matter, ask leave to Report, That they have weighed as carefully as they were able the several arguments and suggestions which have been used both for and against the removal of the Jail from Laurel Hill to Bellevue, and after the best consideration in their power, they have been unable to regard the additi

Jail re Laurel Hill.

onal inconvenience, risk, or expense attending the conveyance of prisoners to Bellevue as a counterbalance to the evils arising from the uninterrupted communication of the [illegible] with the [illegible] heal, to which they are either constantly or occasionally subjected. The Committee cannot but consider it also as a great desideratum in a jail that an opportunity should be afforded for employment, if desired by the prisoner, for religious exercises on the Sabbath at least, and for suitable care of the sick. At present neither of these [illegible] can be obtained. To remedy it in the highest degree expedient, in the opinion of the Committee, that a new building should be erected for the purpose. They cannot entirely omit the views strongly impressed on their minds by the Board of the Committee of the Common Council of last year who had the subject under consideration. The expense of the proposed alteration has been also carefully considered by the Committee, and they have reason to believe that it would be a judicious measure, in point of economy, as well as the proper accommodation of the persons confined. It seems to them probable that the estate and buildings on Leverett Street could be sold for a sum not less than sixty thousand dollars, while a new Jail with all the accommodations which your Committee deem necessary, could be erected for something less, perhaps, than $40,000; and if the [illegible] be applied, it will come far short of this sum. [illegible] the Committee however have experienced the uncertainty of previous estimates, even when carefully made, they have

S5. Should it prudent to name a larger sum in the order which they propose to the City Council. & In conformity with these views, and to bring the subject directly to the decision of the City Council, the Committee of the following order.

For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot.

Ordered, that _____ be a committee with full power to sell the land and buildings belonging to the Eliot School House on such terms and conditions as may seem to them expedient.

Ordered, That the same Committee be instructed to erect a suitable building for a Jail and a house for the Jailer, in conformity with the views expressed in this report, and in that of the Committee of last year, on some convenient part of the land belonging to the City, now called Bellevue; Provided the expense of such building shall not exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars.

Ordered, That provision be made for this expenditure in the Appropriation Bill for the next financial year.

The yeas & nays being required were taken as follows viz: Mess. Alderman Parker, Alderman Quincy, Alderman Eliot & Mayor. Alderman Hunting & Richardson 2. So the same was accepted and the order passed, and the Committee on the Jail on the part of this board, with such as the Common Council may join, be said Committee. Send down for concurrence.

Williams) Petition

Petition

Petition of Henry Williams & others relative to the election

of David Henshaw as a member of the School Committee for 811.
Ward No 5. made a report, which Read and accepted, and
thereupon Ordered; That the Mayor, Aldermen Wetmore
and Quincy with such as the Common Council may join be
a Committee to revise the City Charter and prepare a new
draft thereof, which shall contain all the amendments
they may deem desirable.
Ordered, That said Committee be instructed to report
said new draft within the present year in sufficient season
for the action of the Inhabitants upon it at the next Muni
cipal Election. Sent down for concurrence. Came up con
concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Mess
Chapman & Eveleth, Williams, Gould & Austin.

Whereas on the second day of June, in the year Somerset
1836. a certain Resolve was passed for widening Somerset Street Street.
over the estate of David Sears, and whereas an error has
occurred in the description of one of the admeasurements
tioned in said Resolve, therefore Resolved, That the said de
scription of the widening & laying out aforsaid, be now amended
so that the same shall read as follows, to wit: "Beginning at a
point on the northerly side of Beacon Street at the distance
of [illegible] and two [illegible] eight [illegible]
side of Somerset Street and thence running northerly on the
westerly side of Somerset Street as the same now runs to
land belonging to Caleb Loring, there measuring a hundred and
hundred and twenty three feet; thence running southerly in
a straight line to the Point begun at on Beacon Street;
said last mentioned line measuring one hundred and

S.5. twenty feet and seven & a half inches, and running par-
allel with the easterly side of Somerset Street, and thirty
feet & two inches distant therefrom; containing three hun-
dred & seventy square feet of land according to a Plan taken
by Alexander Wadsworth dated May 30th 1836.,

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the
twentieth day of March Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen.

Petition of Augustus Dwelley and others Dwelley
Inhabitants of South Boston, praying that the City Coun- South Boston.
cil would petition the Legislature for an alteration of
the City Charter, so that the city be divided into Certain
wards, and that South Boston may be made a separate
ward. Referred to the Mayor, Aldermen Hunting
Richardson; with such as the Common Council may join,
to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on
its part Messrs Bartlett, Dunham, Dingley, Dupee and
Seaton.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be, and Surplus revenue.
he hereby is authorized to receive, in behalf of the City of
Boston, any sum or sums of money which may be assigned
to said City, by the Legislature as its share of the amount
of the surplus revenue of the United States placed at the
disposal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or such terms
ms & conditions as the Legislature may see fit to require.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up Nonconcurred.

Petition of John Binney & others and Gay Binney & May
E. May others to have [illegible] the [illegible] City [illegible].

Referred to the committee thereof.

87. Petition of John H. Loring, to be remunerated
Petition for damages to property by change of grade of Bank being removed from the Court to order of the City government
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of the Primary School Committee
Primary School Committee for the Fifth Ward, praying that a lot of land may be appropriated for a site for a school house in said Ward. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Laid down for concurrence. Came up Concurred.

Petition of Edwin Palmer for the appointment of
Petition for appointment of Police Officers guards for armories. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

Communication of the Clerk of Faneuil Hall
Clerk of Market reports collections of Stalls
Market, inclosing the collection of Stalls in said Market by persons other than the lessees; and inclosing two applications for change of Stand and Stall, for renewal of their leases. Referred to the Committee on the Markets.

Order of the Common Council instructing
Water
the Committee on finance to consider and report, plans and what measures ought to be adopted to provide funds for meeting the expenditures to be incurred by the introduction of pure water, and for the liquidation of the City debt, and also to report to the City Council, the amount of available City property, the amount of Cash on hand on the 1st inst. where deposited and upon what con-

dilions and any other matters connected with or that S.S.
may tend to facilitate the financial operations of the
City. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition
communication of Polly Bowen requesting the fine levied
of Garland place leading from Washington Street, reported,
that no action of the board is necessary. Read & accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of S. W. Pell and Pell & Bowen
Eliza Bowen to be paid for land taken to widen Fremont Fremont Street
Street, reported that the petitioners have withdrawn and
request to be discharged. Read and accepted.

The Auditor of accounts estimate of the amount Auditor of
nt of money necessary to be raised, for the purposes of the account, Report
ensuing financial year, which will commence on the first
day of May next, and will close on the thirtieth day of April
1838, together with an estimate of the ways and means
which are to be relied on to meet the contemplated expen
ditures of the year. Referred with the documents accom
panying, to the Mayor, Aldermen Furman, Nelson
and Quincy with such as the Common Council may join
to consider & report, and down for concurrence. Came up
concurred, and the Common Council joined on the part
the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on the introduction of Water
water, having maturely considered the matter under their

89. Commissioners shall act, in case of their appointment and acceptance and having at various times discussed the subject, have directed me to ask the requisite assent of the City Council to the following regulations, which have been agreed upon by a majority of the said Board at a meeting of the Commissioners, a communication relating to which is annexed, nothing further, I trust, to the character of the great work which is contemplated or of those by whose agency it should be effected. The rules are of such kind as to require no explanation, & I have, therefore, merely to submit them in compliance with the directions of the Committee to the wisdom of the City Council.

Samuel H. Elliot, Mayor.

1st Voted, That for the purpose of procuring for the use of the citizens a supply of pure water, three Commissioners shall be appointed in the manner heretofore ordered by the City Council, who shall hold their office until removed by a concurrent vote of the City Council. Each of said Commissioners shall receive as compensation at the rate of eight dollars a day for all the time employed by him in examination, investigation, or consultations in connection with the duties assigned to him, & also all necessary travelling expenses.

2nd Said Commissioners shall proceed forthwith to examine the sources from which such supply can be obtained and the means of conducting and distributing the same, and make a detailed report to the City Council through the Standing Committee on Water of their proceedings, stating the best plan which they can devise practicable for the City to adopt, with particular estimates of the cost

, and they shall attend such engineers, agents, and coun-
cil, on account of the City, all such other expenses, as they
may deem necessary for or concerning the object of their
appointment, under such appropriations as the City
Council may see fit to make.

3? Whenever the plan shall be reported by said Com-
missioners, and be approved and adopted by the City Coun-
cil, said Commissioners shall proceed to carry the same
into execution, and for this purpose they shall, in the name
behalf of the City, make all contracts and bargains they deem
necessary. They shall report their proceedings, once every
three months to the City Council, through the Standing Com
mittee on water and their proceedings shall, at all times be
open to the examination of the Mayor, and either branch
of the City Government, or to Committees of either, authorized
to make such examination. They shall from time to time
make representations to the City Council of the necessity
or appropriations, and of the sums required for the regular
continuance and successful completion of the work assign-
ed to them. The foregoing Votes having been read in
Common Council, and the following order was offered and
adopted, viz.

Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen and Common
Council of the City of Boston in City Council assembled,
That, the power heretofore given to the Standing Committee
on the introduction of Water into the City, to remove at their
pleasure such Commissioners as might be appointed on the
subject of introducing a supply of water for the use of the
City &c, and the same is hereby revoked. And that for the

91. purpose of procuring for the use of the Citizens such supply
pure Water three Commissioners shall be appointed in the
manner heretofore ordered by the City Council, who shall hold
their Offices until removed by a concurrent vote of the
City Council and each of said Commissioners shall receive
for his services at the rate of dollars a day for all the time
employed by him in inquiries, investigations or calculations
connected with the duties assigned to him and also all neces-
sary travelling expenses. And said Commissioners shall pro-
ceed forthwith to examine the sources from which such supply
[illegible] the best means of introducing and dis-
tributing the same and make a detailed report to the City
Council, through the Standing Committee on Water Pro-
ceedings, specifying the plan which they deem it expe-
dient for the City to adopt, with particular estimates
of the cost, and they shall appoint such Engineers Agents,
and incur on account of the City all such other expenses as
they may deem necessary for or concerning the effect of
their Report and under such regulations as the
City Council may see fit to make. And further, that
[illegible] shall be ordered by said Commissioners
approved and adopted by the City Council said Commis-
[illegible] and
for the [illegible] of the
City make all Contracts and bargains they may deem ne-
cessary, and they shall record their proceedings once
[illegible] to the Common Council
[illegible]
and their meetings shall at all times be
open to the examination of the Mayor and either Board of

the City Government, or to Committees of either authorized to make such examination. And they shall from time to time make representations to the City Council of the necessity for appropriations and of the sums required for the regular continuance and successful completion of the work assigned to them. Came up for concurrence. Read & Concurred.

Roxbury line

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the proposition of the Selectmen of the town of Roxbury for a change in a part of the boundary line between Roxbury and Boston have attended to that service and ask leave to report. That they first visited said boundary line, and examined it with great care, as far as they could walk over it, without getting knee deep into the mud; said line extends over the Marsh and flats. By this view the Committee ascertained pretty correctly the location of the old and new Channel. The Committee then notified the Roxbury Selectmen to meet them at the Aldermen's room; at this meeting they examined carefully several old plans, and are thereby satisfied that the plan that accompanies their report is correct; this plan was taken by S. M. Mowry under the direction of a Committee from the Board of Aldermen and the Selectmen of the town of Roxbury. It will be seen by this plan, that the boundary line between the City and Roxbury followed a very crooked channel; said Channel at the present time has become almost obliterated by the collection of mud and dust therein. That filling up of the old Channel has been the effect of turning the current of water into a straight new Channel which was ex

93. cavalcade a few years since by the Roxbury people... The Committee under these circumstances and considering the rapid improvements that are in progression and the increased and increasing value of these Flats & Marshes are unanimously of opinion that it would be for the interest of the City and the Town of Roxbury to have this crooked boundary line made straight... The Committee made some slight alterations in the line proposed by the Roxbury Selectmen which was agreed to by them and will be seen by the plan... The Committee further report that in the course of this examination they discovered another part of this boundary line that requires altering; it is on that part of Fremont Street which includes over one of those crooked channels in the part of the dividing line layed the bottom of the Southwestern Bay it was of importance to alter it early, but now it is made conspicuous by filling up a part of the old Channel; the Committee deem it proper to recommend this alteration by the same Legislative act that shall make the line before recommended & that it shall be effected by the City Council the Plan said Fremont Street will show the propriety of doing it; the Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying Order, and if agreed to, that application be made to the Legislature in conjunction with the Selectmen of Roxbury to have the same confirmed by a Legislative act.

For the Committee Henry Varnum.

Ordered, That the dividing boundary line between the City of Boston and the Town of Roxbury east of Plymouth Street be changed as follows: Beginning at a stone monument on said boundary line at said Plymouth Street which

mark the South corner of the present dividing line of J.H.
the City, and running from thence Straight in a Northeasterly direction about 4500 feet to the Centre point of the Roxbury old and new Channel; and that Stephen F. Fuller and J. H. Mosely be employed to place monuments on said line that it may be distinctly known.

Ordered, That the dividing boundary line between the City of Boston and the town of Roxbury that extends or to a part of Tremont Street be changed as follows: Beginning at the Southeasterly side of Tremont Street at the center of a bridge across the Creek dividing the City of Boston from the town of Roxbury [illegible] at right angles with said Tremont Street about two hundred & fifty feet until it intersects the present boundary line between said Boston and Roxbury in the Center of said Creek, and that F. F. Fuller and J. H. Mosely be employed to place Monuments on said line that it may be distinctly known.

Read, accepted, and the orders passed

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Chas. G. Otis and ninety six others, praying that the Hay weighing of Aldermen may accommodate them & enable them to draw coming into the City over the South Boston Bridge, the Tremont Street and Roxbury Districts, to the Stand at the Southern Hay scales Market and that the Northern District weigher be prohibited weighing Hay and Straw coming in by the Southern District, and also,

95. that the Southern district weigher be prohibited weighing Hay & Straw that may come in by the Northern District, have considered the subject and ask leave to report; That it appears that sundry farmers who bring Hay & Straw to this City for sale have a belief real or imaginary; that the Northern City market is the best stand to sell their goods; the consequence is that a great number of them that enter the City by the Southern avenues drive directly to the Hay stand in Hanmack Street. If this should in reality be a fact, it has probably been made so by the quantity that is sent to that stand but it surely cannot be a good and sufficient reason to Hanmack Street constantly cluttered up with that bulky article to the annoyance of the great travel that passes through that Street while there is a plenty of room at the Southern Hay stand; this circumstance alone it is believed would be a sufficient reason to justify the Board of Aldermen to interpose, and cause a division of the sale of this commodity. In addition to which it is incredible to suppose that there can be so much difference in the two stands as to furnish a good reason for depriving so large and respectable a class of our fellow citizens of a convenient place to sell their wares with this necessary article. It further appears that considerable quantities of Hay & Straw is brought into this City and sold without being weighed at all by any licensed Hayweigher; the laws of the State to the contrary notwithstanding. [illegible] Therefore recommend that the City Marshal be directed to publish that clause of the Legislative act which prohibits the weighing of Hay & Straw by unlicensed weighers and the passage of the accompanying

order. — For the Committee, Henry Farnam.

Ordered, that on and after the first day of May next, all Hay and Straw that is brought into the City of Boston for Sale, and comes in over Washington & Tremont Streets, the Western avenue, or South Boston Bridges shall be weighed at the Hay Scales at the Southend of Charles Street, and remain at that stand, while it is offered for sale. And all the Hay and Straw which is brought into the City over the Canal Bridge, and Warren or Charlestown Bridges, Chelsea or East Boston Ferries, shall be weighed at the Hay Scales on Merrimack Street, and remain at that stand while it is offered for sale. And that a copy of this Order be sent

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Mon

Present.

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Walter Williams and Austin, with such of the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider what measures might be requisite for the City Council to take in re

Petition to the surplus revenue, now about to be divided among the several Cities and Towns of this Commonwealth with liberty to report by ordinance or otherwise. Concept for [illegible] and the same not [illegible] were joined.

Curtis & Harris to Charter

Order of the Common Council, referring the petition of Henry Curtis, and others, and Joseph Harris Jr. and others [illegible] Charter and to be united with the [illegible] wards, and that Dale be made a ward by itself, to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Augustus Dwelley and others upon the same subject. Came up for Concurrence.

Read and Concurred.

Henshaw resigned

Communication from David Henshaw, resigning the office of member of the Joint Committee from Ward No. 11 and recommending Aldermen Wilmore and Gurney.

Fuller Tremont Street

Petition of Henry Fuller, and others, owners of the New Brick Buildings on Tremont Street between Bacon Street and Pemberton Hill, for leave to erect Iron posts & iron on the edge stones of the sidewalks, also that the [illegible] on said sidewalks may be designated, and the buildings numbered, and that the Street in front of the same may be paved with wood. Referred to the Committee on paving.

Columbian Hall estate

Ordered that the Committee on laying out &

widening Streets, with such of the Common Council may
join, be a Committee with full authority to purchase, if
they deem it expedient, in behalf of the City, the estate sit-
uated near the Court House known as the Columbian
Hall estate, provided the same can be purchased at a
price not exceeding three dollars & seventy cents the square
foot. Read & sent for concurrence. Came up concurred
with an amendment. Read and concurred. Vide proceed-
ings of April 1st 1837.

On the Petition of the Boston Fort Society to have Boston Fort
an old building removed, the City Marshal reported that Society.
he has caused the same to be taken down & removed with
the consent of the owners. Read & accepted.

Ordered, that the Committee on the Common, with Fire works for
such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee to Independence.
cause fire works to be prepared, for the celebration of the
next anniversary of American Independence. Sent down
for concurrence. Came up concurred with amendment.
Read & concurred.

William Fisk, wood measurer returned, that he Wood measurers
measured the last year 640 loads of wood. Read & filed. Return

Petition of Wilkinson & Hall for leave to extend Wilkinson
their wharf, and the order & notice from the Superintendent & Hall
thereon. Referred to the City Solicitor.

99. Petition of the Primary School committee dis-
Primary Sch. trict No 2, that a piece of land may be purchased for a
Com. dis. No 2. School room. Referred to the Joint committee on fire
Joint Com. department concurring. Came up concurred.

Prim. Sch. Com. Petition of Primary School committee district
dist No 9. No 9. for a new School room. Referred to the committee on
the fire department.

Lumber— The Joint Committee to whom was referred the
Jt. Com. on Petition of the Deputy Surveyors of Lumber, requesting
such alterations in the Ordinance regulating the survey
of Lumber as will increase that portion of fees belonging
to them, have attended to that service and ask leave to
Report; That they have had several meetings have
consulted said Deputies the Surveyor General and most
of the Lumber dealers within the City. They find a great
diversity in the opinion of those best accquainted with
the Subject; some insisting that an alteration should
be made in the ordinance so as to increase the fees of the
deputy Surveyors and dominish that of the Surveyor Gener-
al; others differing entirely therefrom. The Committee
after much inquiry and consideration have arrived
at the conclusion that it is not proper to
disturb said Ordinance at the present time; that a fur-
ther experiment of the operation would be kind of use
for another year. The Committee ascertained that the
present Ordinance was framed after much investigation
and consultation with persons best acquainted with the

subject which with the conflicting opinion above named 1000.
had its influence upon the Committee in arriving to the above
conclusion. The Committee therefore respectfully request
that they may be discharged from the further considera
tion of the subject. For the Committee Chas. Prentiss.
Read accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

An Ordinance in addition to an ordinance Interment of the
to regulate the interment of the dead. Passed. Dead

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Petition of Moses Densmore to have sale Densmore
No 25 and Cellar No 3 in Faneuil Hall Market House trans
ferred to him. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

The following persons were appointed Constables
pointed to attend fires viz. E. F. Glover, Southack Street— attend fires
Nathaniel Coolidge, Everett Street— Jabez Pratt, Salem Street
William Andrews, South Boston— William Loring Wash-
ington Street E. [illegible] Eliot Street Jeremiah Lewis
Washington Street.

The Committee to whom was referred the Simpson
petition of Joshua T. Simpson for liberty to erect a Bathing
House on the fenders or the piers of the North Free Bridge
[illegible] find on examining the act of the Legislature passed March

101. 15. 1837, authorizing the City of Boston to construct and maintain such wharves or piers, on either or both sides of the Free Bridge mentioned in the act to which this is in addition, as shall be necessary for the preservation and safety of said Bridge, the following ... Section 3. "Be it further enacted, that whenever the wharves or piers erected or which shall be erected by the authority of this act shall be used or improved for any other purpose or purposes than those herein specified, all right and authority to maintain them shall cease, and be void, your committee therefore are of an opinion that to grant the prayer of the Petitioner would be violating the act of the Legislature, and that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted .. For the Committee .. Tho. Hunting.

Read and accepted.

Coolidge

Petition of David Coolidge, and others, contractors of high work, for an increase of pay .. Referred to the Committee on internal health ..

Overseers of the Poor

A Communication from the Mayor relative to the interview had by him with the Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, touching the subject matter contained in the Resolve passed by this board on the 9th instant, respecting the amount and investment of their funds .. Read and sent down .. In Common Council, Read and referred to Messrs Edward, Carruth and Chapman, to cause the same to be printed, together with such other information relating to said subject, as they can acquire and may deem desirable to place before the Council ..

On the Petition of Simeon Palmer, and others, praying, that persons may be prohibited from hanging out flags from their shops... The City Marshal reported, that it is unnecessary and inexpedient to act in the premises...

Read and accepted...

102.

S. Palmer...

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the thirtieth day of March Anno Domini 1837.

Present.

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen.

Warren et al concerning licenses

Petition of John C. Warren, and others, respecting granting licenses to Innholders, victuallers, and retailers, that the same may be granted upon certain conditions therein specified; - And of Francis Jackson, and others, praying that no such licenses be granted in Wards Nos 10. 11. and 12. Referred to the Committee on licenses with instructions to take the opinion of the Attorney General, and the City Solicitor, whether the board has a right to grant licenses upon such terms and conditions as are contained in the above petitions.

Fire department additional appropriation

Ordered, that the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the fire department, exclusive of Engine houses, and that the same amount be withdrawn from the appropriation for widening streets. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Water Commrs office for

Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to lease in behalf of the City, for the use of the Commissioners of the Water Works, the second numbered store from the new building on Tremont Street belonging to Thos Cullen, Esquire, for three years, from the first day of April next, for the sum of two hundred & seventy five

dollars per annum, and to furnish said rooms for the use of the Commissioners for the introduction of water into the City.. 1011.

Petition of Ephraim Dodge to be remunerated the damage he has sustained by having his carriage broken, owing to the defective state of a part of the old road leading to the point, South Boston referred to the committee on Streets.. Dodge

The Committee on Public buildings have experienced some difficulty in making an arrangement for the accommodation of all parties interested in the petition of the Lafayette Guards.. The disposition manifested by the Directors of the House of Reformation to do every thing which was possible for mutual accommodation, has however enabled the Committee to propose an arrangement which, it is believed will be found convenient & satisfactory to all.. It is that the Directors of the Company should exchange rooms for this purpose it will be necessary that some alteration should be made in the filling up of both rooms the Committee recommend the adoption of the following order.. Lafayette Guards

For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot

Read, accepted and thereupon

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to fit the room now occupied by the Directors of the House of Reformation for an armory for the Lafayette Guards, & the room adjoining it for said Directors..

105. Whereas Margaret Christina Batterman, Widow
Batterman Margaret Frankis, Sumner, Heinrich Batterman, Heinrich,
Caroline Frankis, Skinner, Margaretta W. Hamblen, Mar-
garet C. Larkin, Emmeline E. Larkin, Charles Frankis, 4
Margaret L. Frankis, all of Boston in the County of Suf-
folk (being the sole and the lawful devisees and
devisees and heirs of George Batterman late of said Boston
mariner, deceased testate) did at the Court of Common
Pleas begun and holden at Boston aforesaid within &for
the County aforesaid on the first Tuesday of January A.D.
1837. file their petition, praying for compensation to be
made according to law by the City of Boston for certain
land of the said petitioners, lying on Essex Street, which
was taken by the Mayor and Aldermen of said City
for the purpose of opening a Street called Lincoln
Street through & over the same; And upon the trial of the
said cause in the Court aforesaid judgment was rendered
that the said petitioners (exclusively of the said Mar-
garet Christina Batterman) should recover against the
said City of Boston the sum of three thousand dollars in
full satisfaction of all said damages. And whereas the
City did compromise & settle with the said Margaret
Christina Batterman for her life estate in the premises,
and she did thereupon discontinue the said suit so far as
related to her said interest in the premises, and the said
sum of three thousand dollars remains to be paid to the
said petitioners aforesaid in that interest upon de-
mand after the death of the said Margaret Christina
Batterman therefore, Resolved, that upon the decease

of the said Margaret Christina Batterman, there shall be paid to the said other petitioners above named and their legal representatives upon their reasonable demand first made in that behalf the sum of three thousand dollars without interest; which payment shall be in full satisfaction of the judgment aforesaid they the said petitioners & their legal representatives to execute all deeds and other instruments in the law touching the premises which counsel learned in the law shall reasonable advise and require.—

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid to Margaret Christina Batterman during the term of her natural life the sum of one hundred dollars annually (the first payment to be made on the fifth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven) in full satisfaction damage sustained by her in her life estate in certain lands on Essex street taken by the Mayor & Aldermen for the purpose of extending Lincoln Street, being the same land described in a petition of the said Margaret & others filed in the Court of Common Pleas in the January Term held within & for the County of Suffolk A.D. 1837 the said Margaret to execute all deeds and other instruments in the law touching the premises which Council learned in the law shall reasonably advise & require.— Read and laid.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock P. M.

At a Special meeting of the board of Aldermen, of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the first day of April Anno Domini 1817.

Present.

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen, except Alderman Farnam.

Columbian Hall estate

Order of the Common Council, directing that the Committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of purchasing the estate near the Columbian Hall, mentioned in the Report of the Committee on Streets dated the 27th ultimo, to be amended by adding thereto as follows viz: "And that the City Treasurer be empowered under the direction of the Committee of finance to borrow a sum of money necessary to meet the expenditure authorized by this order." Came up for concurrence, and on the question of concurring, the yeas & Nays being required according to the rule of the City Council were taken as follows viz: Yeas. Aldermen Wetmore, Gurney, Hayward, Cushing, Quincy, Wells and Richardson. Seven-Nays none. So the same passed in concurrence with the Common Council.

Broad Street

Ordered, that the Committee on laying out and widening Streets be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring proprietors of estates on that part of Broad Street leading from Summer Street to the "Town Dock" to take up & take the side walk in front of the same, agreeably to the ordinance on that subject.

also to regulate, alter the ... Line of Wharves from Martin's Wharf to said Bridge.

C. Street

Also on the ordering of filling up & rendering passable C. Street, from Broadway to Fourth Street ... Also that said Committee cause the Survey of the Streets west of South Boston to be executed agreeably to the order of the last board of Aldermen conforming in said Survey to Wilkinglon's line as nearly as practicable in the extension of the present Survey.

South Boston Streets.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the third day of April Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen.

Petition of the Managers of the Asylum and Farm School for Indigent boys, praying aid in promoting its designs. Read and referred to the Committee on the Bail, houses of Correction, Industry & Reformation, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred and the Common Council joined on the part of the Board

Asylum & Farm School

109. Committee on the House of Industry Correction and Reformation.

Richardson Valentine Broad Street

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the communication of Thomas Richardson claiming damages for land taken from the Estate of the late Mrs Valentine deceased, to extend Broad Street, and also more recently another piece of land from the same estate taken for said Street near the bottom of Summer Street Street, made a report, which was read, and referred to Aldermen Hayward, Quincy and Wells, to consider & report.

Hospital for Insane.

Ordered that the Committee on the House of Correction, Industry and Reformation, with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee with instructions to consider and report on the expediency of providing a suitable hospital for insane persons and idiots in the houses of Industry & Correction. Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred and the Common Council joined on its part the Standing Committee on the House of Industry, Correction & Reformation.

Sunday School Boulston School house

Ordered, that the Committee on Public buildings, the Clerk of the Board be instructed to inquire into the expediency of removing the Sunday School from the Boulston School room to the ward room in the same building, with full power to remove the same.

Petition of [illegible] and others, to have Berne Street widened... Referred to the Committee on Streets...

Hundley
Berne Street.

Petition of Kendall P. Saunders, for additional Compensation for taking his premises lying on Kneeland street... Referred to the Committee on Streets...

Kendall P. Saunders
Kneeland St.,

Petition of Charles Leighton, and others, to have Causeway street paved... Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Leighton.
Causeway Street

Petition of the Light Infantry Company of New England guards, that their armory in Faneuil Hall may be enlarged, and praying aid in doing the same. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings on the part of this board.

New England Guards.

Ordered, That the Committee on Streets be instructed to inquire into the expediency of Macadamizing Castle Street, east of Washington Street, and report thereon.

Castle [illegible]

Ordered, That the Committee on Streets be instructed, to inquire, and report whether any regulations are necessary to be adopted by this board in relation to the various Omnibuses and Hackney Coaches plying into and out of the City.

Committee on Streets to enquire

111.

Primary School Dist. No 1.

The joint Committee on Public lands, to whom was referred the petition of C. Barker for the erection of a School house, made a report recommending the passage of the following order.—

Ordered; That the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of the Board of Aldermen, be a Committee authorized with full powers to purchase a lot of land on the corner of Keel and Moon Streets, containing eight hundred feet as per plan, at a price not exceeding twenty hundred dollars, and that said Committee be instructed to erect a brick School house thereon, suitable for two Primary Schools at a price not exceeding twenty five hundred dollars, and that said amount be charged to the appropriation for the erection of Primary School houses.

Read, accepted, and the order passed.— Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with an amendment.

Read & concurred.—

Primary School District No 2.

The joint Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Hannah Chapman and Eliza Lincoln for the erection of a Primary School house made a report recommending the adoption of the following order.—

Ordered; That the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of the Board, be a Committee with full power to purchase a lot of land situated on Endicott Street, containing as per plan nine hundred and eighty seven feet at a sum not exceeding twenty two hundred and twenty dollars 75/100 and to erect a brick building thereon suitable for two

Primary School and was read twice by unanimous consent. 112.
Ordered that the amount be charged to the appropriation for the erection of Primary School Houses
Read, accepted, and the Order passed... Sent down for
concurrence... Came up concurred with an amendment.
Read and Concurred.

The joint Committee on Public Lands to whom was Primary School
referred the application of Francis Brown for the erection Dis. No. 3.
of a Primary School House, made a report recommending
the passage of the following Order.—
Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings on
the part of the Board of Aldermen, be a Committee
with full power to purchase a certain lot of land in the rear
of Chamber Street, containing nine hundred and thirty
one feet, as per plan; at a sum not exceeding nine hun-
dred and fifty dollars, and to erect a suitable brick
building, for a Primary School House, at a sum not ex-
ceeding twenty five hundred dollars, and that the am-
ount be charged to the appropriation for the erection
of Primary School houses... Read, accepted and the Order
passed... Sent down for concurrence... Came up Concur-
red with an amendment... Read and Concurred.

The following notices of intention of building read Hobbed Nail
and referred to the Committee on Streets viz: Remelling Building
Abbot on Broadway; Mechanics Bank on Turnpike
Street, and Asa Swallow on Everett & Hanover Street

113.

Holmes

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Wm. S. Holmes, Report, that they have met & heard the petitioner William S. Holmes and considered the evidence submitted to them in support of his claim that although your Committee cannot recognize any general obligation at law on the part of the City, to pay damages in cases of this description; yet under the peculiar circumstances of the present case they are of opinion that would be equitable that some compensation should be made, and for that purpose submit the following Order. All of the Committee &c Dunney

Read and accepted and thereupon Order passed & it Ordered; That there be paid to Wm. S. Holmes Fifty two dollars and seventy five Cents in satisfaction of his Claim for damages as set forth in his petition of the 14th February last he giving such a release to the City as the City Solicitor shall direct

Southack Street

Petition of Mark Dodson and others to have the name of Southack Street changed to Linthrop Street.

Chamberlin

Petition of H. H. Chamberlin, for leave to sink a well in Pearl Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Engine No 12.

Petition of Engine Company No 12, for a new Engine house. Referred to the Committee on the fire department.

Engine No 8.

Petition of Engine Company No 8 to alter their Engine from Cumberland to Tremont. Referred to the Committee on the fire department.

The Committee on the Petition of Samuel F. Hill & Crocker, for leave to place a Stand for the sale of fruit &c. Crocker on the side walk in Blackstone Street, reported, that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

Read and accepted.

Cornelius Mahony and Joseph Cahill, Handcartmen licensed, as handcartmen.

Ordered, that the Committee on Sewers and Front Street drains, be authorized and instructed to cause a cesspool to be placed in Front Street, at the foot of Beach Street.

The assessors returned a list of persons, Co- Assessor's returned $25.
partnerships & Corporations who own land in the Commonwealth and upwards, in this City, the last year. Thereupon Ordered, that the usual number of Copies of the same, be printed for the use of the assessors, assistant assessors and members of the City Council.

The Committee to whom was referred a Com- Warrant for Ward meeting
munication from David Henshaw Esquire, resigning his seat in the Board of School Committee from Ward No. 5. Reported, that a warrant be issued to the Voters in said Ward to meet at the Ward Room on Monday next at twelve O'Clock M. and give in their votes for a suitable person being an inhabitant of said ward, to fill the va- cancy occasioned by the resignation of David Henshaw, Esquire. For the Com.

1853. Thomas Welmore: Read, accepted and Ordered, that a warrant be issued accordingly; and that the Poll to be kept open until three Oclock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen &c.
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the
tenth day of April. Anno Domini 1837.

Present.

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen.

The assessors returned a list of the abatements & assessors
of taxes made the last year... Read & sent down.

The Committee on the subject of Salaries, & Salaries
reported an order establishing Salaries for the Officers
of the City of Boston, and the County of Suffolk... Read
and passed with sundry amendments... Sent down for con
currence... Came up Concurred...

Ordered, That Snow Hill Street between Snow hill
Hull Street and Charter Street be laid out and graded Street
in the following manner viz: That the westerly line of
said Snow Hill Street commencing on Hull Street at
a point thirty three feet from the burying ground wall,
(measuring at right angles therefrom) and from thence
to run straight to Charter Street, passing through another
point one hundred & three feet westerly from the angle in said
burying ground wall near said Charter Street, of
thirteen feet in width of the westerly part thereof be gra-
ded for a carriage way and side walk commencing on
Hull Street at the ground level thereof & thence the easter-
ly side of said 13 feet carriage way and from thence rise
two feet in fifty, then level fifty feet, then descend two

117 ...ial to a point opposite the southerly end of the Tombs pro-
...ecting into said Street and from an inclined plane to
Charter Street. That twelve feet in width on the Easterly
...de of said Street be graded for a walk without
any material reduction of the surface thereof, and that
the remaining part be occupied with a wall and sloping
bank, in such manner as may be necessary to secure the walk
over tombs projecting into the same, as described in a plan
drawn by Stephen F. Fuller dated April 10 1837.

Somerset Street — Petition of Russ Woodbury to have the level of Somerset Street determined. Referred to the Committee on Streets

Hubbard Washington Street — Memorial of Samuel Hubbard, respecting widening Washington Street from Bruce Street to Chauncy Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Souter Third Street — Petition of Stephen Souter, for leave to dig a passage way under Third Street, for the purpose of draining, and carting out stone from the ledge above. Referred to the Committee on Pavings.

Taylor Minot Street — Remonstrance of Wm Taylor, & others against having a well sunk in Minot Street. Referred to the Committee on Pavings.

Clough — Petition of Willard Clough, deputy collector of taxes, for an increase of his pay. Referred to the Mayor.

Petition of David Karl, and others, contractors of Night work, to have a new regulation and that Karl the price may be raised... Referred to the Committee on Internal health...

Petition of the Baptist School Union Society, Baptist Sunday for a room in the School house in West Centre Street... School Union Referred to the Committee on Public buildings on the part of this board.

Petition of Thomas Nichols to be licensed Nichols to exhibit as a Ventriloquist... Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Ordered, that an order of Notice be issued Ded ham Street for all persons to attend and Show Cause on Monday next, Common Council four o'clock P. M. if they see fit, why the Common Sewer in Dedham Street should not be taken up and relaid, and the expenses thereof assessed on all persons who may be benefitted thereby according to law...

The Committee on the Fire Department (Hook & Ladder have examined the ladder carriage of Company No 2. and Company No 2. are of opinion, that it is insufficient for the purpose for which it was designed, and recommend the adoption of the following order... For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot Read accepted and Ordered; That the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to cause a new carriage to be built for Hook & Ladder Company No 2...

Loring
Myrtle Street

The Committee on the Petition of John W. Loring to be paid the cost of a pump &c in Myrtle Street which was removed by order of the Board of Aldermen, have attended to the duty assigned them & are of opinion that the Petitioner is entitled in equity to some compensation and that leave should be granted him to take water from the well by suction during the pleasure of the Mayor & Aldermen on condition that it is done free of expense to the City, & under the direction of the Committee on paving & ask leave to report the following order viz Ordered, that the sum of Fifty dollars be paid to John W. Loring on his relinquishing to the City all right he may have to the well in Myrtle Street, and in full for all damage he has sustained by the removal of the pump & covering up the same. For the Committee Samuel Quincy. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Brisk
Tomb Central Ground.

The Committee on burial grounds to whom was referred the claim of William D. Brisk to the one quarter part of Tomb No 125 in the Central burial ground taken to extend the gravel walk across said ground, have examined the same and ask leave to report, that said Brisk produced a deed which clearly shew that Catharine Hedmon Deborah Brisk and Catharine Hobbs were the real owners of the one quarter part of said tomb. Whereupon attended, that the City government who laid said walk did not allow the owner of the other three quarter parts of said tomb, the one half of a new walk in said ground and the payment in money

of $37.50 to each of said owners the Committee therefore 120.
recommend that the same be allowed for this quarter
part of said Tomb and the passage of the accompanying
Order viz. Ordered, That the one half of a New Tomb
to be built in the Central burial ground be conveyed
to Catherine Skidmore, Deborah Frisk and Catherine
Hobbs, and that they be paid in money the sum of $37.50
when they shall have conveyed to the City the one quar-
ter part of said Tomb No 125 taken to extend the grand
walk across the Central burial ground. The deed to
be executed by themselves, William D. Frisk & James
Hobbs the husbands of said Deborah Frisk & Catherine
Hobbs. For the Committee Henry Farnam.

Read, accepted & the order passed.

Cavalry Co.s National Lancers.

The Committee on Public buildings to whom was referred the petition of the Governor Commissioned officers of the National Lancers, for an armory Report, that they have not been able to find among the buildings belonging to the City any suitable room; and recommend that as an equivalent for the use of such room there be paid to the said Company the sum of two hundred dollars. They offer the following Order, viz. Ordered, that the Committee on Public buildings be authorized to hire a suitable room as an armory for the National Lancers, for one year, at a rent not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars. For the Committee Sam.l A. Eliot.

Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred with amendment.

Read & concurred.

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South Carolina

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of the Light Infantry Company of the City of Charleston in South Carolina praying said Company at South Dedham may obtain that the prayer of said petition should be granted, and respectfully submit the following Order viz: Ordered that the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to hire a suitable room as an Armory for the Light Guards, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of Seventy five dollars. For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot. Read, accepted and the Order passed Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred with an amendment. Read and Concurred.

Wade
Front Street

The Committee on the Petition of John Wade of Front Street, praying to have a Common Sewer laid in Front Street, report: that notice be given in the usual form for all persons interested to appear at the Mayor & Aldermen's room on Monday next four o'Clock P.M.

Read & accepted.

Richardson
Broad Street

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Streets, on the petition of Thomas Richardson, claiming damages for land taken from the estate of the heirs of Lawson Valentine deceased, located Broad Street, and also another piece from the same estate located on said Street near the bottom of Summer Street. Report, that [illegible] the report of said Committee may be accepted, and the Order appended thereto passed; viz: Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas Richardson on the

eighth day of May next, with interest do that date thereon 122.
six hundred & fifty dollars in full for three hundred &
twenty five feet of land taken from the late Lowder Mason
Estate at the bottom of Summer Street, on his giving a good
and sufficient deed of the same and releasing the City from
all damages. Upon the acceptance of said report, and
the said deed being executed the same was
taken as follows viz. Yeas Aldermen Farnam, Nelson,
Cummings, Hayward, Quincy and Wells. 6. Nays Alder
men Hutchinson, Pierson, Wilson & Mason 4.
excused, at his own request from voting on this subject.
So the same was accepted, and the order passed.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the city of Lincoln held at City Hall on Monday the twelfth day of April Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen.

Common Assignment, the board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Clerk of principal election for the year ensuing, and upon the votes being taken it appeared that Samuel Dawood, Henry Bass, & Thomas Jackson was chosen in concurrence with the Common Council.

Clerk appointed

Ordered, that the following persons constitute the Selectmen & Assessors for the ensuing year

Ward No 1. Samuel Tenney and Simon W. Robinson

" " 2. Ephraim Milton & Edward Maxwell

" " 3. Charles Lincoln " Samuel Chessman

" " 4. Jeremiah Fitch " Benjamin Lamson

" " 5. Elikhalet Hartshorn & Zachariah Ellison

" " 6. Esse Shaw & Enoch Train

" " 7 Samuel Dorr and Thadeus Nichols

" " 8 William Bramhall " William Whitney

" " 9 Isaac B. Richardson " Henry Sigourney

" " 10 Jonathan Preston " Eben. Parker

" " 11 Josiah Vose " Joel Fay

" " 12 Edmund Jackson " Eben. Hayward.

Voted by the Common Council. Concurred

Read & Concurred

Petition of Caleb Prall, and others 124.
to have South Street place accepted, and that said Prall
Street be widened, and that said place & Street be South St Place
made and continued, as one Street. Referred to the
Committee on Streets

Petition of Thomas Lord, to have the Lord
side walk widened in Pinkney Street opposite Louisburg Pinkney Street
Square. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Thomas B. Wales, and others, Wales
to have Oak Street paved. Referred to the Committee Oak Street
on Paving.

Petition of Rowland Ellis, & others, to have Ellis
Hanover Street repaved. Referred to the Committee Hanover St.
on Paving.

Petition of John D. Prahm, & others, to Prahm
to have Franklin Street repaired. Referred to the Franklin Street
Committee on Paving.

Petition of John D. Williams, and others Williams
to have part of Fulton Street from Hicks Street to Fulton Street
the junction of Cross Street paved. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Petition of Charles Shaffer praying License Shaffer
to exhibit a group of the signers of the declaration of
dependence at the Artist gallery Summer Street. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Licenses.

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Sappan Union Street

Petition of John Sappan to have the Common Sewer relaid in Union Street, Referred to the Committee on drains & Sewers.

Hill against Licenses

Petitions of Henry H. Hill & others and Amos Keen and others, that no licenses be granted to any persons for the sale of Spirituous liquors &c on the Lord's day. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Valle Street

The Committee who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of Macadamizing Valle Street, east of Washington Street, Reported, that it is inexpedient to Macadamize said Street, but that it should be excavated & gravelled. Read and accepted.

Leighton Causeway Street

The Committee on the Petition of Charles Leighton and others, to have Causeway Street paved, Reported, that it is inexpedient to pave said Street at the present time, and that the same be gravelled. Read & accepted.

Winslow Lowell Street

The Committee on the Petition of Edward Winslow & others, to have Lowell Street repaved. Reported, that it is not necessary to repave said Street, and that the same should be repaired. Read & accepted.

Boynton Charlestown St.

The Committee on the Petition of Perkins Boynton and others, to have Charlestown Street paved

Rejected but recommitted to the Committee of Ways
and Means with instructions.

Read and accepted.

The Common Council having non-concurred Salaries
with this board in all the proposed amendments in the
Order establishing salaries for the Officers of the City
of Boston, and the Committee of Conference
the 15th section. Thereupon Ordered, that this board
recede from their former vote and Messrs. Ritchie
Holmes, Furnas & Gurney be a committee to confer with
the Committee of the Common Council on the part of the Com-
mon Council touching the subject matter of difference
between the two Boards on said Order. Laid down for con-
currence. Came up concurred and the Common Council
appointed on its part Messrs Curtis, Bartlett & Ellis.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer and Treasurer
is hereby authorized to borrow under direction of the Loan
Committee of finance during the next financial year any Money
sums of money that may be necessary, for the purposes
of the City government during that year; provided, that
the whole amount borrowed under authority of this order
shall not exceed the sum of four hundred and fifty thous
and dollars. Passed in Common Council. Came up
for concurrence. Read and accepted.

The Auditor of accounts communicates to the
Board that two Pink Slabs, designed to be placed in the office

127. on for four thousand dollars, payable to the Mayor an. Aldermen as trustees of the Mill fund... and the other for one thousand dollars, payable to the Mayor Aldermen as trustees of the Franklin fund for the purchase of Medals, will become due & payable on the 21st instant; and advising that the same be refunded in City Stock. Read and thereupon Ordered, that the same be made in the City Stock, for the term of three years, with interest at six per centum per annum payable annually.

Wade) Fourth Street Dedham Street

It appearing to this board, that notice has been published according to law to all persons interested to appear before this board, at this time and show cause, if any they have why common sewers should not be laid, as follows viz: in Fourth Street on the Petition of John Wade Jr & others; and in Dedham Street, and no person appearing to object, it is thereupon Ordered, that the Committee on drains and sewers be authorized to cause common sewers to be laid in Dedham Street, and in Fourth Street, and to cause the expense thereof to be assessed on all persons to be benefitted thereby, according to law.

Eastern Rail Road Location

The Eastern Rail Road Company on the 15th day of April instant, filed in the Office of the City Clerk a plan and profile and location of the Eastern Rail Road according to law, designating the courses, distances and [illegible] of the said contemplated Rail Road laid down and described upon the plans duly certified by E. W. Hoffenden, Esquire, Engineer to said Company

and Ordered that the same may be accepted, and such 1873.
record thereof made as the Law requires. Thereupon
Ordered that the same be received and placed on file.

The Overseers of the House of Correction sub- House of
mit for examination an account of moneys received & Correction
paid at their Office for the month ending 1st of June
inst together with the bills and vouchers. Referred
to the Committee on the Pay Rolls & Auditing Ac-
counts and Reformation.

The Committee on the Petition of William Nichols
Nichols, for a license to exhibit as a Ventriloquist at
Armory Hall, reported that the prayer of the petitioner
ought to be granted. Read and accepted

Ordered, that Alderman Wetmore and the Boston
Committee on Bridges be a Committee to enquire into the South Bridge
relative to adopting any further measures for the
better Security of the Boston South bridge.

Ordered, that from and after this date no Fire
Engine Company shall be allowed to draw water from
the reservoir, except in case of fire.

The Committee on the Petition of [illegible]
ton & others to have a common sewer laid in Court Street, Court Street,
reported that an order of notice for said sewer
in Court St. ought

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Petition of William G. Davis to have the Common Sewer re laid in Sudbury Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Sudbury Street

Perkins Tileston Street

The Committee on the Petition of Roha Perkins for leave to close Tileston Street while building, reported that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted so far, as to allow him to close said Street from time to time as circumstances may require, for thirty days. Read & accepted.

Ct Court House

The joint Committee who were appointed "to consider & report what disposition shall be made of the Court House on Court Square, and whether it is expedient to provide additional accommodations for the offices of the City Government," have attended to the subject referred to them, and ask leave to report, - That it is necessary, probable that any one who is conversant with the mode in which the City business is transacted, and with the accommodations now provided for its officers, will hesitate to express the opinion that those accommodations are insufficient and inconvenient, not merely for the officers but for the citizens who have occasion to do business with them. The apartments are so small as not to give room enough [illegible] for accommodating the business, and several of them are of such a height as to put all who go in to a great inconvenience. That would be a matter of little moment perhaps, if none but the officers themselves frequented those rooms; but some of them, as the physicians room, and the

Marshal's office are thronged by very large classes of 130.
citizens. ... Those conveniences ought not to be slightly regarded ... Many of the officers of the City Government also, have no apartments assigned for their particular use, but are crowded together to the number of three in one case & four in another in a single room, which is hardly sufficient for the purposes of either. ... Another inconvenience, which is seriously felt, is the distance at which some officers are placed from each other, who ought to have constant communication. ... This is especially the case with the Treasurer & the assessors. The committee deem it not trifling to add that [illegible] which is unceasing in the present situation of the City Hall, is not merely an inconvenience, but that in the warm season of the year it is a source of unnecessary delay in the transaction of the public business at the meetings of the two boards of the Council & of committees. It would seem unnecessary even to mention the various evils which must occur to the minds of all who have ever visited that ark of mould, and which, in the opinion of the committee, call loudly for removal. A favorable opportunity is now presented to erect a City Hall of suitable size, which may be convenient both in structure & situation, at a moderate & reasonable expense, on the site of the Court House on Court square. The only point which appeared at all doubtful to the committee was the question whether it were prudent to begin the work at a time of such general pecuniary trouble as the present moment, and this they thought

131. would submit it to the decision of the City Council without any suggestions on their part. The City Council can decide upon the comparative ease or difficulty of procuring the funds, the advantage or disadvantage in securing the necessary labor, the benefit which may be derived from employing those who might otherwise be idle, as well as upon the urgency of the want of the inhabitants and the officers of the City of a more spacious and convenient place of business. But the consideration which is of greatest weight & of far more importance than any arising from mere personal convenience, arises from the insecurity of the building now occupied, against fire. It has been more than once in imminent peril, and when it is recollected that there is no sufficient protection for the immense amount of papers comprising the records [illegible] of property which are here accumulating, and are already of great & well as an increasing value, the desirable [illegible] for the safety thereof is undeniable. For the purpose of obtaining such a decision the Committee offer the following orders. For the Committee

Samuel A. Eliot, Chairman

Ordered, That the joint Committee who made the foregoing report be a Committee with power to sell the Materials of the Court House on Court Square; and to cause the same to be removed; reserving such parts [illegible]

Ordered, That the same Committee be instructed to obtain a plan and estimate of such a City Hall as they

may think suitable, to be laid before the City Council. 1332.
Read and accepted, and the orders passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin King & others to have King Salem Street widened at the corner of Cross Street, Salem Street
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Committee on the Petition of the Com- New England
manders of New England Guards, have attended to the sub- Guards
ject, and ask leave to report, that there is no objection
to granting the prayer of the petition, provided the
alteration of the proposed alteration be done to the Com
manders. For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot.
Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of the Bath- Sunday
ist, Sunday School Union, for a room in the School
house, West Centre, Street ask leave to report, that in
their opinion it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of
the petition, for reasons that have been thought suffici
ent in regard to other school houses; and ask to be dis-
charged from the further consideration of the matter.
For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot.
Read accepted

The Committee on the Fire Department Engine
have attended to the subject of the petition of Engine Company
Company No. 1. and are of opinion that the Engine House

a replaced by a new one equal to those which have recently been ordered, and that the present Engine [illegible] be returned as may be necessary. They submit the following order. For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Fire Department be instructed to cause a new Engine to be built at a cost not exceeding seven hundred & fifty dollars.

Read, accepted & the Order passed.

Engine Comp'y No 8.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Engine Company No 8. for a change of name, report that there is no objection to the same, and that the Company have leave accordingly. For the Committee Sam'l A. Eliot.

Read and accepted.

Downer & Co Petition. No 16.

The Committee on the Petition of Downer, Austin & Co & others to establish one and near Fort hill to have an Engine Company organized for Engine No 16, report that an Engine can be placed in the hands of a Company as soon as a suitable one can be found, and ask to be discharged.

Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'Clock P. M.

At a Special meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the twentieth day of April Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except Aldermen Wetmore & Richardson

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Gurney & Quincy, be a committee, to report the names of Candidates, to be appointed as Censors to take the Census of the ratcable Polls of the City, pursuant to an Act entitled "An Act to provide for taking a Census of ratable Polls" passed April 12th 1837. Ratcable Polls Census of.

Ordered, that the committee on Paving Broad St. cause Broad Street, near the Free bridge to be repaired.

Ordered, that the Heads of the mail and of Faneuil Hall market and the Clerk of the Hall east corner of the same road for the use of books, pamphlets &c now kept in the City Hall Hall of Magistrates. And that the Clerk of the Market notify the several occupants accordingly.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock P. M.

April 24

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen at the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday, the twenty fourth day of April, Anno Domini 1837.

---Present---

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen.

Assistant Assessor

Order of the Common Council appointing Peter Dunbar an assistant assessor for ward No. VI. in place of Simon W. Robinson, who declined serving.

Came up for Concurrence.

Read and Concurred.

Committee on Reception

The Committee on the Poll and the House of Correction to whom was referred the accounts of moneys received and paid at the office of the Overseers of the House of Correction reported the same be referred to the Committee on [illegible] and referred accordingly.

Engine No. 4

Petition of Engine Company, No 4. for a new Engine house. Referred to the Committee on the fire department.

Petition of Cyrus Alger, & others, praying to be heard before the whole board, respecting the location of the Engine at South Boston. Read and granted and Wednesday next at 4 o'clock P.M. assigned for [illegible]

Communication from the City Solicitor 136.
respecting claims of certain persons heirs of James Pitts, Pitts heirs
for their undivided shares of the real estate formerly be-
longing to their ancestor Susanna Jacobs, abutting on
Mill Creek so called, and conveyed to the
City to John D. Williams, Esquire. Referred to the
Committee on Streets.

Petition of the Medical Society for the use Medical
of Faneuil Hall on the last Wednesday of May next Society
for the celebration of their anniversary. Referred
to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of
this Board.

On the Petition of W. B. Appleton and Appleton
others to have a common sewer laid in Court Street, Court Street
and it appearing to this Board, that notice has
given agreeable to the order passed at the last meeting,
and no person appearing to object. It is thereupon Or-
dered, that the Committee on drains and sewers be author-
ized to cause said sewer to be laid and the expense there-
of assessed according to law, upon those who are to be
benefitted thereby.

The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Newton
Newton and others to have the provisions of
Ch. Law, repealed, that notice be given
to all persons interested to appear on Monday next at
three P. M. and object to the same if they see fit.

105. Petition of Martin W. Tuckerman, praying
Tuckerman that the City Solicitor may be authorized to purchase of the
Chelsea Broad Street Road Company Road in front of the Petition of said Tuckerman and others, Inhabitants of Chelsea, to have a road laid out from Pulling Point to Belle Island... Referred to the City Solicitor.

Valentine Broad Street Petition of Andrew J. Valentine & others, heirs of Lawson Valentine, and the order of the Court of Common Pleas, thereon, claiming damages for taking the said to extend Broad Street... Referred to the City Solicitor.

Shaffer The committee on the Petition of Charles Shaffer for a license to exhibit a group of Statuary of the signers of the declaration of Independence, report that the prayer of the Petition be granted... Read & accepted.

Mackay Washington Av. Ordered that there be paid to Felix Mackay on or before the fifth day of May next, the sum of twenty eight hundred and fifty five dollars & twenty eight cents in full for six hundred and seventy nine and one third feet of land taken from the Male to widen Washington Street, on his giving a good and sufficient deed of the same and releasing the City from all damages.

Wall Street Broad Street Ordered; that the Committee on Paving and Repairing Streets be authorized to repave Wall Street, and [illegible] Street in the most convenient manner... Also to repave and repair Broad Street near Male Street

Petition of Samuel Hammon, others 138.

to have the level of Emerson further reduced. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Emerson Street.

The Committee of Conference on the part of the Board of Aldermen, who were appointed to meet and confer with a committee of the Common Council on the subject difference between the two boards in relation to the Order for establishing salaries of the officers of the City of Baltimore, ordained in 1866, ch. 123, reported that the Board of Aldermen ought to recede from the amendments by them proposed to the 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8. 11. 12. 17 & 21. sections of said order, and that said order ought to be amended in the third section by adding thereto the words "and also one half part of all the fees by him received for recording mortgages or personal property, provided however that the said half part, shall not exceed the sum of four hundred dollars". And the Committee also directed me to report that the vote of the Board on the ninth section of said order ought in their opinion, to be reconsidered, and that said section ought to be amended by striking out the word "fourteen" and inserting "twelve". Which was submitted for the Committee. Thomas Wilmore. Read and the Board recedes from its former vote and said order be passed with an amendment in the third section agreeable to report. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Salaries

M. Etheridge

Memorial of Mary Etheridge respecting her [illegible] Franklin School house.
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Durracott et al Salutation Street

Petition of George Durracott, Jr and others, to have Salutation Street widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Foster

Memorial of William Leonard Foster, relative to the extension of Foster's wharf. Referred to the committee on Streets.

Lawes School

Petition of the Instructors of the Lawes School to have some repairs in the yard of the said School House. Referred to the committee on paving.

J. Tilson

The Committee on the Petition of John Tilson for leave to construct an arch or arches under the side walk in front of his building in Merrimac Street. Reported, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted on condition that the work be done at the expense of the petitioner & to the satisfaction of the Committee, removable at the pleasure of this Board. For the Committee Samuel Quincy. Read and accepted.

Hubbard Washington Street

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the communication of Samuel Hubbard, requesting the use of the Street to be given him on his estate on Washington Street between Beach and Kneeland Streets, where he [illegible]

to the duly assigned them, and ask leave to Report, 1.40.
That Washington Street is well known to be the most
[illegible] the City, [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] Washington Street [illegible]
fifty feet wide throughout as soon as circumstances will
permit, and where new buildings are erected to set them
back to such a line. The present width of Washington
Street between Beach and Kneeland Streets, on an av-
erage is about 42½ feet; and on the westerly side of
the Street, between these two points the buildings are
[illegible] comparatively new and any change in the line
of the Street on that side would be attended with
great expense; while on the easterly side of the Street,
the buildings are generally of wood, old and out of
repair and from the favourable location of the
lots in the immediate vicinity of Boylston Market
we have no doubt, should the City make this improve-
ment that new brick buildings would take the place
of those which are now hardly tenantable. In the
opinion of your Committee the City can make this im-
provement within a twelve month at a less expense than
at any future period; they therefore recommend the adop-
tion of the following resolution. [illegible]
submitted for the Committee. Nathan Durant.

Resolved, That the Mayor and Aldermen of the Pub-
lic Lands require that Washington Street be made
fifty feet wide from Beach Street to Kneeland Street

141. as follows viz.— Beginning on Washington Street at the corner of Beach Street, from thence running easterly by southerly side of Beach Street, four feet four inches to a point fifty feet distant from the eastern side of Washington Street; thence southerly by a line parallel with the easterly line of said Washington Street and fifty feet distant therefrom to Kneeland Street; thence westerly ten feet three inches to present easterly line of Washington Street; thence southerly by said easterly line of Washington Street to the first mentioned bounds; also beginning at the estate of Foxcroft eighty seven and one quarter square feet of land and from the estate of the heirs of Gardiner Green two hundred and seventy three feet; and from the estate of Thomas Brewer four hundred and two feet, and from the estate of Josiah Nash five hundred and ninety feet, and from the estate of the heirs of Belsey Foxcroft two hundred fifty seven and one half feet according to a plan drawn by S. P. Fuller dated April 8th 1837.

Provided however that the buildings now standing on the several estates taken as aforesaid, shall not be cut off or set back to the line of the street, and the tenants who occupy the same, shall not be interrupted in their business or occupation by any authority derived from the passage of this resolution, prior to the first day of May 1838, but after that date this board will proceed to cut off or set back said buildings in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing resolves.

Read, accepted & the resolve passed.

The joint committee on the Jail & House 142.
[illegible] of Industry and Correction, made a report.
Read & laid upon the table

The Committee to whom was referred the Appropriation
[illegible] the next year, and the resources which may be relied
on to meet them made a report. Read in Common
Council and the order entitled "an order relative to
specific appropriations and the order entitled an
[illegible] of the City
of Lowell, and the County of Middlesex during the next
financial year passed. Came up for concurrence. Read
and passed in concurrence.

The Committee on the Fire Department to Engine
whom was referred a communication from Engine Company No. 12
ny No. 12 respecting a change in the location of their En-
gine house, and in connexion therewith a memorial from
the Primary School Committee in District No. 9, pray-
ing for a new School room, have examined the subject
and ask leave to report, that in their opinion it would
be advantageous to the city, to erect a new Engine house
not far from the place where the present one is situate:
provided a suitable lot of land can be obtained, and to
place the primary school which is about to be remove

143. in the Grand Engine house... the expense of this improve-
ment would not greatly exceed the usual cost
... section a Primary School House, and would render both
establishments more convenient and agreeable to the whole
neighborhood... With a view to this arrangement the
... Do recommend the subject to the joint Committee
on Public Lands, with instructions to procure a piece of
land suitable for the erection of an Engine house in the
vicinity of the present situation of Engine No 12... For
this purpose they offer the following Order. For the Com-
mittee Samuel H. Elliot...

Ordered, That the communication of Engine Company
No 12 and the petition of Primary School Committee
in District No 9 be referred to the Joint Committee on Pub-
lic Lands with instructions to procure a convenient & suita
lot for the erection of an Engine house for Company No 12.
Read and accepted... Sent down for concurrence...
Non concurred in Common Council...

Ordered to Journal to Thursday next eleven
o'clock A.M.

At a meeting of the board of Alder 1st

the twenty second day of April A.D. one thousand 18

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen, except

Aldermen Wilmore and Hayward

[illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible]

of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

by the [illegible] of the Legislature passed the 9th and

10th of April 18[illegible] it was [illegible] that the follow-

ing list [illegible] viz Ward No 1 Simon W. Robinson; Robt Keith

" " 2 Isaac Rhoades; Ephm Milton

" " 3 Nath Tuttle; Wm T. Green

" " 4 Joseph Eveleth; Thos Edmands

" " 5 Robt Williams; Fras Brown

" " [illegible] Baker; [illegible] Leonard

" " 7 David H. Smith; Robt S. Williams

" " 8 Thos Tileston; Nathl F. Alley

" " 9 Thos Bagnal; Jos H. Dorr

" " 10 John Rapp; Richd H. Newell

" " 11 Terence Wakefield; James Barry

" " 12 George Savage; Joseph Dall

South Boston Wm A. Graham; Edw Conn

which persons were nominated and appointed ac-

cordingly.

Petition of Benjamin W. Crowninshield Crowninshield

and others, praying that Somerset Street near the end Somerset Street

145 of the Avenue leading out of Phillips place, be graded according to the Level order September 28 1835. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Second Street South Boston

Ordered, that Aldermen Quincy, Hunting and Richardson, be a Committee with full power to cause Second Street South Boston to be properly graded.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the first day of May Anno Domini 1837.

Present ---

The Mayor and the whole Board of Aldermen

Public lands all to be let

The Superintendent of Public lands annual Record of Sales amounting to $124,703 30/100 amount of Leases of Lands &c $3930.; & Expenditures $69.46 9/100 &c. Read and filed down.

Ordered unanimously that the choice of Superintendent of Public Buildings under the ordinance relating thereto, be referred to the Committee on Accounts, and that the Committee on Accounts be joined in concurrence with the Common Council by unanimous vote.

Order of the Common Council appointing Nelson Weston, Austin J. Bacon and Warren Wheeler Esqrs. with such as the Board of Aldermen may join a Committee to inquire what action, if any, is necessary to be taken by the City Council in regard to the Law of the Commonwealth regulating the arrival of Alien Passengers in this City and that said Committee have leave to report by ordinance or otherwise. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and the Committee on quarantine was joined.

The Committee on County accounts to whom was referred the accounts of the Overseers of the House of Correction, reported, that they have examined the same and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

Read and accepted.

Ordered, That Registrars of Voters and Assessors be hereby appointed for the present year viz. Emanuel Emerson & Nelson Hartshorn Ward 1. Benj. Clark & Isaac Brown, Ward 2. Thos. Howes and Sam. Sprague, Inspectors of Lime; Lewis A. Linnell, Sealer; Benj. [illegible] Ward 3. [illegible] Ward 4. Thos. Herrick, field driver & Pound Keepers. Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred.

Correction

Voters Assessors

1 7.

Jas Mills heirs

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the City Solicitor respecting the Claims of the heirs of James Mills, for their undivided shares of the real estate formerly belonging to their ancestor Susanna Jacobs, abutting on the Milk river and conveyed by the City to John D. Williams, reported the following Order viz: Ordered, that there be paid to Robert Brinn and Elizabeth Haney, the sum of two thousand eight hundred and eighty eight dollars and four cents. To Elizabeth Williams the sum of two thousand and twenty one dollars and sixty three cents; To Elizabeth Sherburne and Wm. S. Sherburne the sum of eight hundred and sixty six dollars and forty one cents. To Williams Wilson and Ann Wilson the sum of six hundred and twelve dollars and eighty one cents; To Wm. Mills the sum of five hundred and seventy seven dollars & sixty one cents; And to James Mills the sum of two hundred and seventy seven dollars and twenty five cents; all the said sums to be paid on the first day of March next, with interest from the twenty sixth day of April next, said sums being in full for land taken from the said parties for the laying out of Clinton Street and for other purposes; provided that all the persons herein named shall make to the City good & sufficient deeds of said land, and a release of all damages they may have sustained in the premises. Read, accepted and the Order passed.

Communication from the Commissioners appointed to procure for the City a supply of pure water

praying that an appropriation be made of ten thousand $ dollars to pay their salaries and expenses. Referred to the Committee on the subject of supplying the City with pure water. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered; That the rules adopted by this Licensed board in relation to the granting licenses to Innholders rules orders; Retailers and Common Victuallers be published granting in the newspapers.,

Petition of George Partridge, and others to Partridge have Devonshire Street near Hale Street widened. Devonshire Referred to the Committee on Streets. Street.

Petition of Levi Bliss, and others to have Bliss Broad Street, formerly Sec. widened. Referred to the Broad Street Committee on Streets.

Ordered, That the order which passed Market this board on the 20th ultimo, for the removal of persons from the Market house; who are engaged in the sale of [illegible] be reconsidered, so far as [illegible] the until the 20th day of July next, for removal.,

Petition of Ebenezer Mack, and others, Mack to have land on Fremont Street layed, between Peasant Fremont Street Street and the Worcester Rail Road.

Referred to the Com[illegible]

Mackay
Washington St.

Petition of John Mackay for leave to erect [illegible] on the side walk in front of his house being on Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on paving.

Petition of Abby Blake & Co. & others to have Milk Street repaired, between Kilby & Pearl Streets. Referred to the Committee on paving.

Ford
Milk Street

The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Ford, to have the side walk widened in Pinkney St. Reported, that under all the circumstances of the case, it is inexpedient to make the alteration prayed for & asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Read and accepted.

Nichols
Pearl St.

Petition of Lawrence Nichols, for leave to build a [illegible] on Pearl Street. Referred to the Committee on paving.

Furber

Petition of Geo. D. Furber and Wm. Furber, [illegible] to lay out land for the protection of Canal taken to make Commercial Street as devisees of Abigail Furber, deceased according to the valuation settled by the Court of [illegible] on petition brought against the Cities of the devisees of said Abigail. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Auctioneer
Licensed

Lawrence Herrick licensed as an Auctioneer, he giving bonds as the law directs.

Ordered that fifty dollars be paid to any person who shall give such information to the City Marshal as shall lead to the detection of the person or persons who maliciously destroyed the engine house that on the night of the 19th of April last.

Petition of George H. Davis and others, Davis for the use of Ward room in East Street for a Sabbath Ward room school. Referred to the committee on Public buildings East Street on the part of this Board.

On the Petition of Thomas J. Shelton, and Shelton others, to have the Common Sewer repaired in Gibbs Gibbs Lane, lane; and now it appearing to this board that notice has been given according to the order of notice issued in said petition and no person appearing to be heard it is therefore Ordered that the Committee on drains & Sewers be authorized to cause said drain to be laid, and the expense thereof assessed upon those whose estates shall be benefitted thereby, according to law.

Assembly Assignment, Frank Dunham and others, Petitioners for another fire engine at South Boston, were heard before the board, & it was thereupon Ordered, that the petition of Frank Dunham & others and Cyrus Alger & others, be referred to the Committee on the fire department with instructions to procure another Engine to be placed at South Boston, provided a Company shall be formed to take charge of the same

151.

"Warren Licence"

The Committee on Licences to whom was referred the Petition of John C. Warren & others, that no licence for the sale of Ardent Spirits on the Sabbath or in any hourly Mail Office, Rail Road Room, Stage office or Theatre or their immediate vicinity, have attended to the subject and direct me to report, that the evils occasioned by the sale of Ardent Spirits on the Sabbath have met with the attention of the Legislature and a general law has been passed to obviate them and that no action of the City authorities on that subject is now necessary; except to carry said law into effect. That as relates to Rail Road rooms and Theatres, the suggestions of the petitioners are in the opinion of the Committee extremely proper; therefore that the Board ought to adhere to the course they have heretofore adopted, of not licensing them. That as relates to Stage Offices your Committee do not see how any general rule can be well adopted, many of the offices are kept in building licensed as Inns and in most of them the evil produced is not believed to be greater than that which results from licensing other places for similar purposes.

The Committee think therefore, that the question of licensing Stage offices ought to be decided according to the merits of each particular case. And they beg to be discharged from any further attention to the subject. All for the Committee Thomas Wetmore

Read & accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Jno K. Tuck & 152.
and others, to have side walks laid in Washington Field
Street from the Mayerdale to the Roxbury Line, report Washington
that in their opinion that only those parts of the Field
walk in front of the South Burial Ground, which ought
to be fenced with Brick should be paved with Brick
to have the side walks in front of the City Lands in
Washington Street, as they can be put in good con-
dition at a comparatively trifling expense by being
gravelled. But that upon the completion of the Brick
said the following Order ... to the Committee

Samuel Lincoln

Ordered, that the Committee on Paving Streets
&c Streets be authorized to cause the sidewalk in
front of the South Burial Ground, to be paved with
Brick, and the side walks in front of the City Lands
in Washington Street to be repaired and gravelled.

Read, accepted and the Order passed

The Committee on Burial Grounds ask leave to Central Burial
submit, and recommend the passage of the following Orders grounds in the
viz: Ordered, That the Superintendent of Burials be directed Common
to grade the gravel bank east of the new range of tombs in
the Central Burial Ground with a sloping Bank of two
declivities, said bank to be sodded ... And that a gravel
walk of eight feet wide be laid out on the eastern
side of said bank and of the same length
under the direction of the Committee on Burial Grounds
Ordered, That the Superintendent of Burials be directed

153. to build ten new Tombs in the line of the range of tombs on the Southern side of the South Burial Ground said tombs to be in workmanship and Materials equal to the present range and to conform to them in fashion. The same to be done under the direction of the Committee on Burial grounds.

Read, accepted & the order passed.

Venter
Third Street

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Venter to dig a Cart way under Third Street to Cart Stone from his land and to drain the same;-also the remonstrance of Mr. Sprague and others against the same, having examined the ground and heard the parties, ask leave to Report, That in their opinion it is inexpedient to grant leave to the petitioner to dig a cart way under the Street, but recommend that permission be given to cart his Stone on to said Street at the junction of F. Street on condition that as fast as the work men recede from the Street, the cart way be filled up, until the Streets are at their original level, the whole width, provided the same be done within thirty days, and in the time limited and [illegible] and a regular Lantern be fixed to said rails and so kept, from the beginning of the twilight of the evening, through the whole of the night and so to continue every evening and night during all the time said cart way be open below the level of said Streets.-Also that leave be granted the petitioner to lay a Stone drain sufficient distance down F. Street to drain his premises on condition, that it be done free of expense to the City

within thirty days, and under the direction of the Committee. Your Committee further recommend that there be allowed of the width of third & Street, in front of this land be granted the petitioner for thirty days and that he be notified to remove all buildings beyond that distance immediately. All of which is respectfully submitted. In the Committee Samuel A. Eliot.

Read and accepted.

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Prison Asylum Petition of the Prison Asylum and Farm School for a Farm School have considered the subject and ask leave to report, that some doubt having arisen as to the lawfulness of such an appropriation of money by the City Government, the Committee thought it desirable to ask the opinion of the City Solicitor on the point. His answer was [illegible] ble; and the Committee ask leave to annex it as part of the report. Under these circumstances they presume that no action will be had by the City Council, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. - Came up concurred.

The Joint Committee on the Jail and House of Hospital for Correction, Industry and Reformation who were instructed the Insane to consider and [illegible] table Hospital for insane [illegible] and idiots in the House of Industry and Correction, [illegible] for the Consideration of the City Council the following

Ordered, That the Committee on Jail, Hou
with full power to erect a Hospital for the Blind and
Insane persons in the Houses of Industry and Correction
according to the plan reported by the Committee on the
Jail &c. Provided the Cost of the same shall not exceed
the sum of 30.000 dollars. Read accepted and the order
passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Assistant assessors decline

Communications were received from Peter
Dunbar and Henry D. Gray, declining to accept, as Ad
sistant assessors, for ward No. 1.

Adjourned to Monday next four O'Clock
P. M.

At a Special meeting of the board of
Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Tuesday the fourth day of May. A.D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, Aldermen Parker, Wellmore, Hunting,
Wells and Richardson.

Surplus revenue

The Committee who were appointed to con
sider and report what measures may be requisite for the

now about to be divided among the several Cities & Towns of this Commonwealth, have attended to that duty & have directed me to report, that the proper course to be pursued in order to enable the City to receive its proportion of the money to be distributed by the Commonwealth, has been prescribed by the Treasurer and Receiver General of the State, who has furnished the City with a copy of the vote necessary to be passed by the City Council, and the form of a receipt and obligation to be signed by the authorized agent of the City. The Committee have therefore only to recommend the passage of the votes in the form prescribed to insure the receipt of the money. With regard to the use to be made of it, as that is at all times at the disposition of the City Council, the Committee deem it unnecessary to suggest any particular course at the present time. If the annexed resolves are passed, therefore all will be done which the Committee think is in their power.

For the Committee Samuel A. Eliot.

Resolved, That the City of Boston accept the sum to be received from the Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth, its proportion of the surplus Revenue of the United States, in deposite and will comply with the terms and conditions of the act of Congress, providing for the distribution of the Surplus Revenue.

Resolved, That Richard D. Harris, City and County Treasurer & Collector, be agent of this City for the purpose

[illegible] receiving from the Treasurer & Receiver General of this Commonwealth, this City's proportion of the said revenue [illegible]

Resolved, that Richard D. Harris, agent as aforesaid be, and he hereby is authorized to sign a certificate of the receipt, by the sum of money he may receive, from time to time, from the said Treasurer & Receiver General of this Commonwealth, binding the City, in its corporate capacity, for the repayment, to said Treasurer, of the [illegible] deposited with this City, and an award every part thereof, whenever the same shall be required by said Treasurer and Receiver General, to be by him refunded to the Treasury of the United States. Read and accepted and the Resolves passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Censors. David W. Smith and Robert F. Williams, were nominated and appointed, Censors for ward No 7. to take a Census of the City in place of Wm. Lincoln and Joseph Jenkins Junr who decline serving

Adjourned to Monday next 4 hour Oclock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen, of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the eighth day of May, Anno Domini 1837.,

Present.

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen.

Francis Brown was nominated and appointed a Censor, for ward No. 5 to take a Census, in place of Moses L. Hobart who declined serving. Censor

Order of the Common Council, appointing Messrs. Austin Carruth and Stephen, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a Committee under the fourth section of an ordinance further to provide for a system of accountability in the concerns of the City, to examine, audit & settle the accounts of the City, & County, Treasurer for the financial year ending on the thirtieth of April last. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. and Aldermen Belmore and Quincy were joined. Treasurer's accounts

Agreeably to assignment the board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Auditor of accounts and the votes being taken it appeared, that William Hayden Junior was unanimously chosen, on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence. Auditor of accounts

Came up concurred.

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The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a committee to take charge of the burial ground. The votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel H. Howes was unanimously chosen on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence. Came up & concurred.

Choice of committee

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of five consulting Physicians, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Doctors John C. Warren, Benjamin Shurtleff, George Hayward, John Randall, and George C. Shattuck, were chosen on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up & concurred.

Choice of consulting Physicians.

Ordered, that there be paid to John D. Turber, the sum of sixty three dollars, and ninety nine cents, and to William [illegible] the sum of [illegible] dollars, in full for all costs and charges, and in full payment of all their right, title and interest in and to a certain parcel of land belonging to Abigail Turber, taken by the city for the purpose of widening Commercial Street, provided they shall first give a good and sufficient deed of said land, and release all damages by them in the premises.

Turber

The Committee on the Petition of John Mackay, to leave to erect arches under the side walk, in front of [illegible] Washington Street, reported, that the same be granted, at the expense of the Petitioner and to the satisfaction of the Committee on paving; removable at the pleasure of this board. Read and accepted.

Mackay

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen & Assistants
the Choice of a Superintendent or Inspector of Pilots & Strangers, under the late act of the Legislature, Passengers.

Order of the Common Council appointing Calvin Austin Esq. Treasurer and Nathan Hall Esq. a Committee to prepare Resolves for the Council for concurrence. Read & Concurred.

On the Communication of the Mayor Aldermen & Assistants Mortgages, Ordered that the same be returned to Richard Lee Esq. the Mortgage made by Wm. Valentine Blanchard to the City, on a Store on South Market Street Dated April 1. 1825.

Jonathan Chapman, Esquire was nominated Orator and appointed to deliver an Oration on the next anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence.

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Farnam & Independence and Wetmore; with such as the Common Council may join be a Committee to make arrangements for the due celebration of the fourth of July next. Sent down for Concurrence. Council Concurred and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Austin, Moulton, Cady, Haskell & Scarritt.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Richard Lee Esq. City Clerk the sum of Fifty Dollars and fifty cents & 50/100 Dollars respectively the last quarter. Read & sent down.

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Engine Co. No. 18

Petition of Engine Company No. 18, for additional room in their house. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Weld

Petition of Daniel Weld, and others, to have the fence in front of the Franklin School house removed. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

Holger

Petition of Cyrus Holger, and others, that fire [illegible] Referred to the Committee on Fire.

Cox

Petition of Hall L. Cox and others, to have [illegible] Referred to the Committee on Laws.

Liverpool Wharf

Earl Street

Memorial of the Proprietors of Liverpool Wharf [illegible] the continuation of Earl Street from Encore Street to Broad Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ellis

Petition of Charles C. Ellis, for leave to [illegible] a bow window into the street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Grace Crab Alley

The Committee on the Petition of Samuel B. Grace to have Crab alley closed while building, report that leave be granted. Read and accepted.

Boston South Bridge

An Ordinance establishing the office of Superintendent of the Boston South bridge. Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

[illegible] Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Engine Company Engine Comp'y
(No 5) for leave to increase the number of its members (No 5.)
ported, that it is inexpedient to grant the same.
Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Laurence Nich. Nichols
ols for leave to build arches under the side walk in Court
Street, reported that the same be granted on condition
that the work be done at the expense of the petitioner and
to the satisfaction of the Committee, removable at the pleasure
of this board.
Read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the claims of Crowninshield
Benjamin W. Crowninshield, for damage sustained on Union Street,
by the reduction of the grade of said Street in order
of the City, have had the same under consideration & Report.
That they recommend the adoption of the following Order
Ordered; That there be paid to Benjamin W. Crowninshield
the sum of [illegible] Crowninshield for the expense in-
curred in taking down & rebuilding his Stable, taking
down and rebuilding his yard fence and relaying his
door steps on Somerset Street and all other expenses in-
curred or damages sustained by the reduction of the grade
of said Street on his premises the City to be [illegible]
Read, accepted and the Order passed.

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Hard room

The Committee on the Petition of George H. Davis
[illegible] for a Sunday School, are of opinion, that the same should be
granted and recommend that the petitioners have leave
accordingly. Read and accepted.

Milk & Pearl Streets

An order providing for the paving & elevation
of Milk Street and Pearl Streets near their junction,
was read and laid upon the table and ordered that
the board meet tomorrow 12 o'Clock for the purpose of
viewing said Streets. Adjourned to that time accord-
ingly. Tuesday May 9th 1837. The board met
pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to view the
above Streets and then adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'Clock
P.M.

At a Special meeting of the board of Alder-
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday
the eleventh day of May, Anno Domino 1837.

Present

The Mayor, Aldermen Farnam, Hayward, Quincy, Hun-
ing, Wells and Richardson.

Lombard

Petition of A. C. Lombard and more than
Faneuil Hall

[illegible] Faneuil Hall, the
[illegible] of the Citizens to consult upon and take
measures to ameliorate the embarrassments and distresses of the com-
munity. Read & the prayer thereof granted.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen held
at the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday
the fifteenth day of May A. D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except
Alderman Gurney.

Wm Cooke was licensed to exhibit Equestrian Lion Theatre
and Melo dramatic performances at the Lion Theatre,
upon the same terms and conditions as the other theatres
were licensed.

Ordered, that Stephen Ward, be and he is hereby appointed field driver and pound keeper, in place of Levi Whitcomb, who declines serving. Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred.

A Communication was received from Ansel
William Whitney declining to serve as an assistant Assessor
of Ward No 8. Read and sent down. Ward 8.

Petition of Josiah Dana to have the Seawall
ment Lately built for the protection of Central Wharf
paired; that is to say, the southerly portion thereof
the lands of the City. Read and referred to the Com
mittee on Public Lands

Ordered, that the Superintendent of the South Burial
Ground be instructed under the superintendence of the Com

(1). ... burial ground to Mountfort Iron galvd Rail
fence on the South said ground, to take the decayed wooden
cap from the wall on Hull street and replace it with a gran.
... cap, to put ... wooden cap on the back wall of the
lower ground, and on the wall which divides the upper
from the private ground. To sheath a part of the cap
on the western wall, to reduce the dividing wall betwn.
the upper and lower ground low level with the upper
ground, and cap the same with granite, - to place a flight
of steps from the lower to the upper ground, and hereby
will work on the walls round the said grounds.

Artesian Wells. Ordered, that the Committee on the fire depart-
ment be authorized to sink one or more Artesian wells,
not exceeding three, for the purpose of trying the quantity
of water that can be obtained for the supply of the res
ervoirs that are required at the southerly part of the City.

Bedford Street. Ordered, that the Committee on paving and
repairs of Streets be authorized to cause Bedford Street,
between Kingston and Lincoln Streets, be repaved.

Foster wharf Ordered, that the Committee on Streets viz.
Fence Lane Nathan Curran, Henry Farnam and Thomas Wilmore
Esquires, be authorized to settle with the proprietors of
Foster wharf viz. William Foster and Leonard Foster
and ascertain and define what shall be considered the line
of said wharf and Fence Lane, and provide for the remov-
al of any encroachments on said Lane; And that said Com-

mittee be authorized to make and execute an agreement &c.
which may be agreed upon between said Committee and
said proprietors.

Petition of said Comr. and others Comr
for damages for land taken in laying out Market
Parchase Street and Broad Street, and the order of the
Court of Common Pleas thereon. Referred to the City
Solicitor.

Ordered, That the Committee on Paving Milk & Pearl
and repairs of Streets be authorized to cause Milk and Sts
Pearl Streets, at and near the junction of the same to be
elevated and repaved; Provided the abuttors will re-
lease the City from all damages arising therefrom.

Petition of the South Cove Corporation to have South Cove
a bond cancelled which said Corporation gave the City Corporation
conditioned that said Corporation would construct and
extend Lincoln and Beach Streets easterly to the east
ger Car house of the Worcester rail road, said Streets be-
ing now completed according to agreement. Referred to
the Committee on Streets.

Communication from Lois Green, respecting
her claim, as Executrix of the will of John Green for land
taken to widen Marshall Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Streets.

167. Petition of C. W. Carleton and others, to have Orange Street continued through to Tremont Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Daniel Safford and others to have the Common Sewer relaid in Spring Lane. Referred to the Committee on drains and Sewers.

Ordered, that the Clock now in the old Supreme Court room, be taken down and placed in the Clerk's Office of the Court of Common Pleas, - and the Clock in the old Common Pleas room, be taken down and placed in the Assessors room, and that the said Clocks be cleaned and repaired, before being put up again.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 Clock P. M.

At a special meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston; held at City Hall on Friday the ninetenth day of May. Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen, except Aldermen Quincy and Richardson.

Order of the Common Council, referring the Memorial of William Lawrence and others, praying that

the City government would come to the aid of the citizens and furnish them with some available substitute for the smaller denominations of coin, based upon the credit of the City. The issue from the City Treasury, of notes for fractional parts of a dollar, to such limits as the City Council may direct, and receivable in payment for taxes and other dues to the City, it is believed would greatly relieve this pressing difficulty, and result in some pecuniary advantage to the Treasury of the City. On motion of Alderman Parker the Committee on finance on the part of the Common Council with such as the board of Aldermen might join, with authority to the Committee to consult such persons as they may think necessary, be instructed and cause the same to be distributed among the members of the City Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and Concurred, and the Mayor, Aldermen Parker, Wilmore, and Wells were joined.

Adjourned to Monday next at one o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twenty second day of May. Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen except Alderman Quincy.

A message was received from the Common

16 Common Council, proposing a Convention of the City Council in the Chamber of the Common Council, on Thursday evening next, at eight O'Clock for the purpose of electing a City and County Treasurer— Read and thereupon Ordered that a message be sent to inform the Common Council that this Board concurs with that Branch in the proposition to form a Convention, at the time and for the purpose above mentioned.

Ancient & Hon^ble Art^y Co.

Application of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company for the use of Faneuil Hall, and a place on the Common, for the celebration of their anniversary. Read and the prayer thereof granted.

Liverpool Wharf, Petition

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the Petition of Archibald Hill, in behalf of the Liverpool Wharf Proprietors, inquiring of this Board whether it is their intention to continue Pearl Street, from Purchase Street to Broad Street, reported, that it is inexpedient to take any order upon the subject at the present time. Read and accepted.

Foster Gibbs Lane

Remonstrance of William Leonard Foster, against his being assessed any part of the expense of laying a Common Sewer in Gibbs Lane. Referred to the Committee on drains and sewers.

Lodge Pearl & Second Sts.

Petition of Ebenezer Lodge, & others, to have Pearl & Second Streets opened. Referred to the Committee on Wharfs.

Petition of John Sinclair, for a license to sell
rum &c. Favorable report & bill. Petitioner & Petition sent
to the Committee on Licenses.

Rules and Regulations of the House of Representatives
and Council read and sent down.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands
Lands consider and report upon the application of the Rail Road
Corporation of the Second Branch of the Boston and
Providence Rail Road, for a piece of land belonging
to the City for a depot, near Pleasant Street.

Laid down for concurrence.

Came up Concurred.

The Committee on the Petition of Daniel Safford
Safford; and others, to have the Common Sewer, in King
Street taken up and rebuilt, and the expense thereof assessed
according to law, reported that an order of notice be passed
in the usual form returnable on Monday next 1 o'Clock
P.M. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Edmund Jackson
Jackson & others, to have a common Sewer laid in Brookline
Brookline Street and the expense thereof assessed ac-
cording to law, reported, that an order of notice be
issued in the usual form returnable on Monday next 1
Clock P.M. Read and accepted.

1851. The Committee on the Petition of Charles C. Warren, for leave to project a bow window into the Street, reported, that it is inexpedient to take any order upon the subject. Read and accepted.

Union Street The Committee on the Petition of John Tappan to have the Common Sewer relaid in Union Street reported that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read and accepted.

Coolidge Somerset Street Ordered, that the City Marshal be directed to notify Cornelius Coolidge, that he cause Somerset Street to be lowered, as per his agreement with the City, dated October 17th 1835, as follows viz: To lower the northerly end of the edge stone recently laid near Somerset Court 84/100 of a foot and draw a line to the present edge stone opposite Mr Loring's door and the southerly end of the corner edge stone and there lower the edge stone 47/100 of a foot and that if he neglects to perform the same within days from the time he receives notice that the Marshal is directed to do it, and charge the expence to said Coolidge.

Union Street Ordered, that the joint committee of the City Council on Public buildings be a committee with full power to purchase a lot of land situated in Cross Street, belonging to Tuttle, upon which now stands a dwelling house and if they can not contract with said Tuttle for said lot for not exceeding Twelve hundred dollars, and erect a brick building thereon, suitable for

two Primary Schools, at a sum not exceeding twenty five hun- 172.
dred dollars; Provided said Committee find it inexpedient
to alter said house, so as to accommodate said Primary School
and that the amount be charged to the appropriation
for the erection of Primary School houses. And then
for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred Hancock
the petition of Benjamin Cunningham and others to have (Derne Street.
Derne Street widened, have had the same under con-
sideration and ask leave to Report; That the increase
of population and business in the western section of the
City has necessarily increased the travel in Derne Street
and it appears that it was the intention of the Board
at the time the Derne Street school house was erected,
to widen this street prospectively, and this house was
set back accordingly; this widening therefore is only car-
rying out the improvement then contemplated, and as
important alterations are about being made on the build-
ings on said estate, the expense would probably be less at
the present time than at any future period. The Com-
mittee therefore recommend the adoption of the following
resolution viz:

Resolved; That the safety and convenience of the in-
habitants require that Derne Street be widened and
the same is hereby widened as follows viz: Beginning
on Hancock Street at a point thirty two feet six inches
from thence running Easterly parralel with the said northerly side of Derne Street
southerly from the Northerly side of said Hancock
thirty two feet six inches distant therefrom one hundred

113. and thirty three feet five inches to land belonging to the City of Boston then running Northerly two feet six inches to the present line of said Derne Street thence running westerly by said present line of Derne Street one hundred and thirty three feet five inches to Hancock Street then running southerly by Hancock Street four feet to the place of beginning taking from the land of Thomas Cordis and Benjamin Adams 433½ square feet as marked on a plan drawn by [illegible] dated May 10th 1837. For the Committee Nathan Gurney Jr. Read, accepted and the resolve passed.

High Street. Resolved; That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that High Street be widened and the same is hereby widened as follows viz. Beginning at the southerly corner of the building at the corner of High and Federal Streets belonging to Edward Knight from thence running Northeasterly about sixty feet through land of said Knight by a straight line to the southerly corner of the House now or late belonging to Robert Holden thence southerly by land taken to widen said High Street July 12th 1826 southerly by the present line of said High Street [illegible] feet to the land taken half to the place of beginning, taking from said Knights estate 276 feet of land as marked on a plan drawn by S. P. Fuller dated March 13th 1835. the same to be done under the direction of the Committee on Streets, and to be commenced by the 15th of July next and that said Knight be notified of

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom 1834.
was referred the petition of Engine Company No. 1 Engine
and Engine house
for a new Engine, have attended to the subject, and are of
opinion that it is inexpedient at present to erect a new
Engine House at the North end; and that as that section of
the City is well supplied both with engines and reservoirs, it
is desirable to remove the engine now kept at the City Hall
to a well provided ... We therefore recommend that the com-
pany should join such other fire companies as may be near-
est or most convenient to them individually. They offer the
following order, viz.

Ordered, That Engine No. 1. be thoroughly repaired, un-
der direction of the Chief Engineer and placed at South
Boston, as soon as a Company shall be prepared to receive
it.

For the Committee Saml A. Eliot.

Read, accepted and the order passed.

The Committee appointed to audit and settle Treasurer's
the accounts of the City and County Treasurer from April accounts
1836 to May 1st 1837 being the close of the financial year
have attended to that duty and find the accounts duly ex-
amined and find there are proper vouchers for the
same. The Committee find that there has been received
at sundry times since April 30. 1836. for account of the
City of Boston Nine hundred twenty six thousand, three
hundred and fifty dollars and twenty seven cents, and
that there has been paid on the same account nine
hundred & four thousand and sixty five dollars and thir-
one Cents, leaving a balance due to the City of Twenty two thou-

175 and two hundred and eighty four dollars and nine six cents. The Committee also find that there has been received on account of the County of Suffolk thirty one thousand one hundred and thirty six dollars and eight cents; and that there has been paid on the same account Forty thousand, one hundred and fifty three dollars and nineteen cents leaving a balance against the County of Ten thousand and six ten dollars and thirty nine cents and leaving a final balance in the Treasury of twelve thousand two hundred and seventy eight dollars and fifteen cents; and that the notes paid by the Treasurer have been duly cancelled ... Thomas Wetmore, E. G. Austin, Louis Stoltz, Committee ... accepted in Common Council, Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Adjourned to Thursday evening next half past seven o'Clock.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the twenty fifth day of May, Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen except Alderman Parker and Quincy.

Treasurer

In Convention

Clerk

The two branches of the City Council met in Convention

in the Common Council room, agreeably to assignment, for the purpose of electing a City and County Treasurer. Alderman Gurney, Chairman of the Committee to receive, sort and count the votes, reported that they found the whole number of votes 13. Necessary for a choice 7. Richard D. Harris, Esquire had 13. and he was unanimously chosen. The business of the Convention being accomplished, the two Boards separated.

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated and directed to be taken out of the Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the expense of such measures as may be necessary to take for the protection of the City against fire, and for the detection and conviction of Incendiaries, and that whatever sum may be expended under said appropriation be withdrawn from the Revenue fund. Sent in Common Council. Concurred in. Sent up for concurrence. Read and Concurred. Incendiaries.

The Censors appointed to take a Census of the Inhabitants of the City, this day returned to the Board, having performed the duties assigned them and made returns to the City Clerk according to law. Thereupon Ordered, that abstracts of said returns be recorded in the records of the proceedings of this Board. Census.

The subject of repairs of the Mid. School house referred to the Committee on public buildings on the part of this Board. Mid. School House. Comm.

In the matter of the petition of the Franklin School House for authority to purchase land referred to the Committee on public buildings on the part of this board.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be and they are hereby authorized to purchase the estate known by the name of the Loring estate situated on Court Street near the new Court House, for the purpose of widening the avenue in the rear of said Court House, Provided the same can be bought at a price not exceeding four dollars for each square foot of land. Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred with the following amendment, viz: By striking out in said order all after the word "hereby" and substituting therefor these words "instructed to consider and report on the expediency of purchasing the estate known by the name of the Loring estate situated on Court Street near the New Court House, to ascertain the price at which it can be purchased and whether any portion of the same will be paid for by any persons benefited by such purchase. Read and Concurred.

Communication from the Censors respecting the Compensation to be made to them for taking the Census. Read and thereupon Ordered, that there be paid to each of the Censors for their services in taking the Census of the City the sum of fifty dollars and that the same be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses & miscellaneous claims. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up Concurred.

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was re- Davis
ferred the Communication of Joshua Davis, representing
the condition of the Dike at the southern end of Front
street have examined the same and ask leave to Report
That the want of a large proportion of said Dike made
of piled Slabs, & in many instances for a considerable
distance the tide have washed away the material of
which it was constructed so as to reduce the top some
one third of its original width, - the planks which sup-
ported the embankment in many instances rotten, the
posts in some cases inclining so much from an upright
position as to require new setting, or additional bracing,
and the whole dike settled or washed away in such a man-
ner as to require at least an elevation above its present
level of one foot to secure it against the tide. Your Com-
mittee consider the Dike at the present time in a very
hazardous condition, a high tide with a strong easter-
ly wind might not only cause great damage to the
dike also inundate most of the City East on the easterly
side of Washington street, they therefore recommend
the adoption of the following order. For the Committee.

(Nathan Gurney)

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Lands be
instructed to cause the Dike on Front Street, to be placed
in a good and substantial state of repair, and charge the
expense to the appropriation for the improvement of the
Public lands. Read, accepted and the order passed.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with
this amendment, to wit by inserting after the word "in-

IJJ. structed" in said order the words "under the direction of the committee on Public Lands." Read & Concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twenty ninth day of May Anno Domini 1837.—

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen.

Engine No 12 Primary School

Order of the Common Council ordaining that Walter Grosvenor, and others, with such of the board of Aldermen might join, a committee with instructions to erect an Engine House for Engine No 12, on the southerly portion of the land connected with the Franklin School house, and that the expenditure under this order be charged to the appropriation for the erection, rent and repairs of Engine houses. Ordered, that the same Committee be further instructed as soon as the rooms in the Franklin School house are vacated by the Engine Company to fit & prepare them for the reception of one or more Primary Schools in district No 9. and that the expenditure under this order

be charged to the appropriation for the erection of Primary 180.
ry School Houses. Came up for concurrence.

Read and Non-concurred.

Ordered, that the Petition of Daniel Johnson and others, to have Lancaster Street named, be taken Johnson
from the files of the last year, and referred to the com
mittee on paving.

Ordered That there be paid to Richard Pitts, Pitts
Guardian of sundry minors, heirs of Wm. Pitts the sum of five
hundred and forty one dollars, and thirty Cents as follows, viz:
on account of Richard Pitts, ninety two dollars and forty
cents; Wm. L. Pitts, ninety two dollars and forty
two cents; John F. F. Davis, one hundred & thirty eight
dollars and sixty three Cents; Sarah C. Davis, one hundred
and thirty eight dollars, and sixty three cents; George Pitts,
thirty nine dollars, and sixty cents, and Sarah M. Pitts, thirty
nine dollars, and sixty cents; said sums being in full for
all the right, title and interest of said minors in to
certain lands taken by the City for laying out Clinton St.
and other purposes; Provided said Guardian shall make
to the City a good and sufficient deed of the said lands
and release the City from all damages claimed by said
minors in the premises.

The Auditor of Accounts, report of Money Auditors
received in his Office and paid into the Treasury the last quarter, for
ending the thirtieth ultimo. Read and Sent down.

Jackson
Brookline St
Safford
Spring Lane

On the several Petitions of Edmund Jackson to have the Common Sewer repaired in Brookline Street and of Daniel Safford and others, to have the Common Sewer laid in Spring Lane, And notice thereon to this Board that notice has been published agreeably to the several orders passed at the last meeting of this Board, and no person appearing to object, It is therefore Ordered, That said Common Sewers be repaired under the direction of the Committee on Sewers and drains and the expense thereof assessed according to law upon those whose estates shall be benefitted thereby.

Jackson
Concord Street

The Committee on the Petition of George Jackson to have a common Sewer laid in Washington or Concord Street, reported that an order of notice be passed in the usual form returnable at the next meeting of this Board on Tuesday the 29th day of June next.

Read and accepted,

Alien Passengers

The joint Committee who were instructed to enquire what action is necessary to be had by the City Council in regard to the Law of the Commonwealth regulating the arrival of Alien Passengers in this City, have attended to the subject and ask leave to Report, that the Law above mentioned makes it the duty of the Mayor and Aldermen to appoint certain officers for the purpose of carrying the object of the Law into effect and at the same time prescribes all their duties and powers but gives to the City Council no power of legislating on the subject, except to fix the

compensation of the officer when appointed; The Com- 18
mittee regret that on a subject so deeply interesting to the
City and to individuals a little authority has not been
given to the City Council to exercise some Control over
an officer receiving his appointment from one of its bran-
ches and that discretionary powers so extensive as those
given by the Law must be exercised by any individual. The
difficulty however, if there be one cannot be avoided and
the City Council will see the necessity of so fixing the com-
pensation of the Office, that the services of individuals,
on whom judgment and discretion the Council & Citizens
will rely may be obtained, And therefore beg leave to offer
the following Order, viz^t.

Ordered, That the "Inspector of Alien passengers" be
paid at the rate of five hundred dollars a year & also
a further sum equal to ten per cent on all moneys received
by him from said passengers, provided however that the said
additional sum shall not exceed five hundred dollars, and
that said sums be paid quarterly and charged to the ap-
propriation for Salaries of City and County Officers. Per the
Committee Thomas Wilmore. Received in Common
Council. Came up for Concurrence.
Read and concurred.

Ordered, that the person to be appointed Alien
as Inspector of alien passengers be required to give bonds in Passengers.
the penal sum of five thousand dollars for the faithful dis-
charge of the duties of his said Office and to pay over to
the Treasurer once a month at least all moneys he may re-

Cowen in his said Capacity.

Bailey

The Mayor nominated Calvin Bailey as Inspector of Alien Passengers which nomination was on motion laid on the table and postponed to the next meeting of this board.

Coolidge Somerset Strt

Memorial of Cornelius Coolidge, respecting the elevation of Somerset Strt. Referred to the Committee on Strts.

Merriam Causeway Strt

Petition of Jonas Merriam and others, to have Causeway Strt widened, by cutting off a triangular piece of land on the corner at its junction with Leverett Strt. Referred to the Committee on Strts.

Ewer

Petition of Charles Ewer, to be paid for land taken in January 1833 in Washington Strt at the head of Avon Place for a reservoir. Referred to the Committee on Strts.

Swallow Causeway Strt

Petition of Asa Swallow, and others, to have the Common Sewer relaid in Causeway Strt. Referred to the Committee on drains and sewers.

Jackson

Petition of Patrick T. Jackson, that the City would pay for altering his drain in Court Strt, or purchase the whole sewer of him. Referred to the Committee on drains and sewers.

Gould Thacher & Court

Petition of Frederick Gould, and others, to have a Common Sewer laid in Thacher Street Court.

Referred to the committee on drains and sewers... 184.

Petition of John F. Low, to have the com- Low
mon sewer repaired in Keefe street... Referred to the Keefe Street
committee on drains and sewers.

The Committee on the Petition of John Lindsay Sinclair
for a license to exhibit Panoramic view of battle of Water Panorama
loo &c; Reported that the prayer of the Petition be gran
ted
Read and accepted.

The Standing Committee on the introduction Water
of pure water into the City, to whom was referred the com
munication received from the Commissioners for that pur-
pose, stating the amount of money which would be requisite for the investigations they were pursuing
the present year, have attended to the subject and direct
ed me to report. That there can be no question as to the
propriety of having the Commissioners the means to pursue
in the duty assigned them, of examining with care the
various sources of supply which can be made available
to the city; The sum required the present season is fortunate
ly, of no great amount, and the committee have merely to
recommend the passage of the following order... viz.
Ordered; That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow
from time to time under the direction of the Committee
of Finance any sums which may be necessary for the pro-
secution of enquiries respecting the introduction of pure
water into the City, provided the whole shall not ex-
ceed ten thousand dollars... For the Committee Sam'l.

1865 Eliot. Read accepted, and the order passed in Common Council. Came up for Concurrence. Read and Concurred.

Foster Gibbs &c. The Committee on Common Sewers to whom was referred a Communication from William and Leonard Foster praying for an Order to construct the contemplated Common Sewer from Gibbs Lane, have attended to the same and ask leave to Report. That said Proprietors protest against the construction of said Sewer and the assessment of the expense thereof upon them for the following reasons viz.

1st Because the City might have carried the Sewer out at another place.

2nd Because they received no notice of the intention of the Board to construct it in the direction which it has adopted.

3rd Because their estate will derive no benefit therefrom.

4th Because the part of Broad Street thro' which the Sewer is carried is, as they affirm, a portion of their Estate; upon which the Commissioners would be obliged.

1st. That they have caused the Sewer to be constructed where they deemed it most for the interest of the City.

2nd. That the City is not bound to give any notice of the proposed construction of a new drain.

3rd. That if the estate of the Petitioners will not be benefitted by said Sewer, they can not be assessed for any part of the expense thereof.

4th, that all that part of Broad Street through which the Sewer is laid, and which the said Proprietors affirm to be a portion of their estate, is a public street or highway; and that the Mayor and Aldermen have an unquestionable right to construct a Common Sewer beneath the same, and that they cannot be restrained from such further construction of the Sewer.

Committee Thomas Belmont

Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Tuesday, the sixth day of June next, at 4 o'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the sixth day of June, Anno Domini 1837.

Present.

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except Alderman Tileston.

The City Treasurer and Auditor having certified that a bond signed by Benjamin and Timothy Train, wherein they became obligated to pay the City of Boston the sum of twenty three hundred and seventy eight dollars

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1857 [illegible] which was secured by mortgages recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds Lib. 553 fol. 91 has been fully paid, both principal and interest. Thereupon, Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized and requested to discharge said Mortgages on the records.

House of Correction

Correspondence

Agreeably to assignment the board proceeded by ballot in joint to the choice of Overseers of the House of Correction and the votes being taken it appeared that Luther Faulkner, George Darracott, Daniel Hastings, William J. Andrews and William Briggs were chosen in concurrence with the Common Council.

Master

Chosen

Agreeably to assignment, the board proceeded by ballot to the choice on its part, of a master of the House of Correction and upon the votes being taken, it appeared that Charles Robbins was Chosen in concurrence with the Common Council.

Superintendent of Drains Salary

Ordered, that until the further order of the City Council, the Superintendent of Common Sewers, be paid at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, in equal quarterly payments, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for salaries of City and County officers. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Alien Passenger Superintendent Chosen

The board confirmed the nomination of Calvin Bailey, as Superintendent & Inspector of Alien Passengers, and he was appointed accordingly.

Order of the Common Council thereon 188

Hose Water, moves that a committee be appointed on the part of this Board to confer with such Committee as might be appointed on the part of the Board of Aldermen in relation to the subject matter of reference to the Primary School in the two wards, reflecting the views of the committee. Read & Concurred. Committee of the Fire Department respecting a change in the line of Conservation. cation of Engine Company No 12 and on the memorial of Primary School Committee in District No 4 praying for a new school room. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Prince, Gurney & Wells were appointed on the part of this Board.

Petition of David C. Kimball and others, praying the Pump in Dock Square may be removed. Referred to the Committee on the Fire department. Kimball.

Memorial of Ephraim Brock and others, complaining of Stephen Ward, field driver and Pound keeper. Referred to the Mayor. Brock.

Petition of Richard D. Tucker to have the Common Sewer repaired in Water, Med. Referred to the Committee on drains & Sewers. Tucker. Water St.

Petition of Nathaniel Tinal, for leave to purchase a piece of land being part of the dock near Frasers wharf, or that the Common Sewer to pick empt lies in to the same may be extended to low water mark. Referred to the Committee on drains and Sewers. Tinal.

1894.

Petition of John Scally, and others, to have the common sewer repaired in Ann Street, Referred to the committee on drains and sewers.

Petition of Lafayette guards for a grant of money to defray the expense of an Armory for said Company. Referred to the committee on Public buildings on the part of this board.

Petition of John K. Parker, for leave to place signals on the Cupola of the City Hall in connection with his Marine telegraph. Referred to the committee on Public buildings on the part of this board.

Petition of John Parker and others to have Grand Court accepted by the City. Referred to the committee on Streets.

Petition of Thomas Furber to be paid his proportion of the money awarded by the verdict of a Jury for land taken to extend Commercial Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of George M. Dexter for leave to build arches under the side walk. Referred to the committee on Paving.

Ordered, That there be paid to William H. Sumner, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, in full for land one hundred and fifty feet of land, on the same

a lot taken from his estate to widen Elm Street, and also all damages he may have sustained by lessening the dimensions of the store and loss of rent, also all damages it may have occasioned his tenant by the interruption of his business during the progress of the improvement, on his giving a good and sufficient deed of said land.

Petition of John Smith to be paid the damages which he has sustained in consequence of the reduction of Commercial (Commercial Street, formerly Lynn Street.) Referred to the Committee on Street Paving.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition Swallow & Eaton Swallow, and others to have the common sewer (Causeway Street) relaid in Causeway Street reported, that an order of notice be issued in the usual form, returnable on Monday next at the next meeting of the board. Read & accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition Lewis & John N. Lewis, to have the common sewer re-laid in Pleasant Street, Pleasant Street, reported, that an order of notice be issued in the usual form, returnable at the next meeting of this board on Monday next. Read and accepted.

The joint Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of the Boston & Maine & Eastern Railroads for a piece of land owned by the City on the westerly side of Charles Street to be granted to them, beg leave, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report that the re-

[illegible] rule of the town. It also was that at a legal town meeting
held [illegible] for the purpose of considering the
expediency of disposing of the upland and flats owned by
said Town lying westerly of Charles Street, it was voted
that the Town would not make sale of the same. —

At the same meeting it was proposed to authorize the
City Council to sell the said upland and flats at some
future period if they should deem it expedient. This
proposition was also refused by a vote of 1104 nays to
420 yeas. — About three years subsequent to this time
some misunderstandings arose between the City, and the
Boston and Roxbury Mill dam Corporation relating
their respective rights and privileges; and on the first
day of February 1857, the parties executed a certain instru-
ment, in which they "had for the purpose of adjusting
and settling all questions and controversies touching the
claims and rights of said parties in and about the said
basin and the embankments thereof"; and among many other stipu-
lations contained in the instrument, it was agreed that if
the City should at any time hereafter erect buildings on
their land lying west of Charles Street, the Boston and
Roxbury Mill dam Corporation should have a right to build
on their land lying contiguous thereto, but not otherwise.
Those prohibitions and considerations were deemed sufficient to justify refusal of said request, to say nothing of the
confusion and altercation which would probably ensue in
consequence of two depots being located so near each other,
and their cars running upon the same rail, and their ter-
mini so near the same point, their interests adverse and

continually coming in collision. The Committee therefore deem it inexpedient for the City Council to take any order upon the subject and ask to be discharged. All of which is respectfully submitted. Per Committee. Nathan Gurney, Jr. Read and accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.

Read and Concurred.

On the Petition of George Jackson to have a common sewer laid in Washington Street near or in Concord Street. Jackson

Concord Street. It now appearing that notice has been given to all persons interested agreeably to the order passed at the last meeting of this Board and no person appearing to object thereto, it is thereupon ordered, that said common sewer be laid under the direction of the Committee on Drains and Sewers, and the expense thereof assessed according to law upon those whose estates shall be benefitted thereby.

Alderman Prince was appointed on the Committee on Burial grounds in place of Alderman Tuttle. Burial grounds

Alderman Tuttle, on the Fire Department, and on the Common; and Alderman Emerson on Public Buildings; all during the absence of Alderman Farnam.

The Joint Committee to whom were referred the papers on file relating to Sewers and drains with instructions to consider and report, have attended to the subject and ask leave to report; That in their opinion the present City Sewers and Drains

[illegible] lection and collecting debts due the City on account of Common Sewers is so exceedingly defective and so injurious to the interest of the City, that the Government are called upon imperatively to effect some alteration in it... The subject has been annually brought forward for the consideration of the Council for many years past and its great importance has been universally admitted. By a return made to the last Council it appears that from the time of the passage of the first ordinance in 1833 to the date of the Return December 1836. there had been expended by the City on account of Common Sewers $121.09.52
and that there had been collected $26.431.31
leaving a balance of $94.678.21
During the present year nothing has been collected but the above balance has been still farther increased by additional expenses incurred... A part of this balance having been paid for sewers constructed to remove the top water from the Streets cannot be charged to individuals and the Committee fear that part of the remainder has been lost, by the City having neglected for so long time to collect it... The greater part may however be yet recovered, but only by an entire change in the present system. The Ordinance provides that the assessments and collections shall be made by the Auditor and City Marshal, so much however has the other business in those Offices increased, that the Committee cannot assure the Council of any probable period when they will be able to comply with it, and so peculiar is the nature of the debt now due, that any farther delay in collecting it will be already

injudicious, as it will under the ultimate collection of [illegible]
it doubtless. With these views of the subject your
Committee now propose, that an officer shall be appointed
who shall have the entire superintendence of the Commis-
sioners whose duty it shall be to make all assessments for
them and to have the charge of their Construction
that demands for them shall be collected by the Treas-
urer like other debts due the City, - thus giving the said
officer the powers and imposing upon him all the duties
(except as relates to collection) which are now possessed
and performed by the Auditor, Marshal and Superinten-
dent of Streets, in regard to this subject. Under the provi-
sional Ordinance, the Mayor and Aldermen may appoint
one or more Clerks in the Auditors Office to assist him,
it is however believed that the system now proposed will
not only be more efficient but also less expensive. The
Committee are aware of the great reluctance of the Coun-
cil to increase the number of Salaried Officers, They believe
however there is no other way in which the City will ever re-
alize the large amount of debts due and continually becoming
due for the use of Common Sewers, - all of which must
need of an officer, whose sole & special duty it shall be to
attend to it. - and they therefore submit an ordinance to
establish the office of Superintendent of Common Sewers.
For the Committee Thomas Pelmore. Read in Common
Council. Came up for Concurrence.

Read and Concurred.

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Greene Blackstone Street

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the Petition of Lois Greene claiming damages for land taken for Blackstone Street, have considered the same & report, That in locating Blackstone Street a few feet of land were taken from the land of your petitioner and a wooden building standing partly over the Mill Creek, before the opening of this Street; this land was considered of trifling value, but the opening of the Street has increased its value at least four fold, the Committee therefore believe the petitioner has no claim, and ask to be discharged. All which is submitted; For the Committee Nathan Turner

Read and accepted

Broad Street

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the Petition of Levi Wilson and others to have Broad Street widened between the House of Andrew Drake and the Avenue leading to his wharf, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to report; That the travelling part of the Street is sufficiently wide to accommodate the public, and the buildings standing on the land proposed to be taken are built in a slight manner, more temporary buildings, and as new and substantial ones will probably soon take their place, the Committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient to make the improvement at the present time. For the Committee. Nathan Turner.

Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen July 6.
of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twelfth
day of June Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen except
Aldermen Farnam and Wilmore

The board reconsidered its former vote re- Milk & Pearl
specting elevating and repairing Milk and Pearl Streets Streets.
at and near their junction; and the same was passed by
striking out the proviso, viz: "Provided, the abuttors will
release the City from all damages arising thereon".

Petition of Charles Henshaw and others, Henshaw
to have a street laid from Somerset street through Somerset New Street.
Court to Bowdoin street. Referred to the Committee on
Streets.

Memorial of the Sealers of Weights & Measures Sealers of
respecting the executing the law under which they act, Weights & Measures
and that some alteration in the same may be made. Referred
to Aldermen Wilmore, Gurney and Hunting.

Petition of Aaron Ordway and others, that Ordway
a watch may be established at East Boston. Referred to the
Committee on the Watch.

Memorial of Thomas Ford, respecting a re- Ford
port of the Committee on his petition to have the Sidewalk Hackney Street.

117. in Pinkney Street; that the same may be considered. Read and thereupon Ordered, that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition. Read and accepted.

Harrington Moscow

Petition of John Harrington, for a license to exhibit the conflagration of Moscow, at Concert Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Swallow Causeway Street

On the Petition of Asa Swallow and others to have the Commissioner built in Causeway Street. It now appearing that notice has been given agreeably to the order passed at the last meeting of this Board, and no person appearing to object to the same; it is thereupon ordered, that the whole subject be referred to the Committee on drains and Sewers, with full power to cause the same to be laid as prayed for, and the expense of the same be assessed according to law, upon those whose estates shall be benefitted thereby according to law, if the committee shall deem it expedient. &c.

Low Pease Street

On the Petition of John F. Low, to have a common Sewer laid in Pease Street, it now appearing that notice has been given agreeable to the order passed at the last meeting of this board, and now several persons appear and objected to the same; and after a hearing of the parties interested, it is thereupon ordered, that the whole subject be referred to the Committee on drains and Sewers, with power, if they shall deem it expedient to cause said Sewer to be laid as prayed for, and the

expense of the same be assessed, according to law, upon those whose estates shall be benefitted thereby according to law.

1838.

Petition of Frederick Wm Ladd, that he may be paid the interest on certain notes that are against the City, for four thousand five hundred dollars, dated July 1st 1829, payable in six years, from the date thereof with interest at four and a half per cent per annum, the principal and interest has been paid to July 1st 1835. Read and referred to the Committee on finance. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ladd

Petition of Daniel B. Badger, stating that his house was damaged by an unlawful Mob on the 11th instant, he therefore prays, that a Committee of investigation as to the damage. Referred to Aldermen Gurney, Quincy Wells, with such as the Common Council may join, to inquire into the circumstances and report thereon. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred and the Common Council joined on the part of Chairman Curtis, Joselyn, Edwards and Isaac Parkis.

Badger

Bond in the penal sum of two thousand dollars signed by Calvin Bailey, as principal, [illegible] Cabot and Joseph Jones as sureties approved and ordered to be filed in the Treasurer's Office.

Bailey's bond

1869. Apl. 14th

Ordered, that there be paid to the compa-

Lafayette Guards.

ny of Lafayette Guards one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of hiring a room for an armory for one year from this day. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with an amendment. Read & concurred.

Nelson Fulton Street

Petition of Lebbeus Nelson, and others, that the paving in Fulton Street, may be continued to the north line of the Fulton house. Referred to the Committee on paving.

Fourth St. P

Ordered, that the Committee on Paving be

urn'ke Road

authorized to have suitable gutters excavated in Fourth Street, and in P & P. Streets and also to gravel Turnpike Road, between Fourth Street and Broadway.

Darracott, &c Salutation Street

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of George Darracott Junior and others to have Salutation Street widened, have examined & considered the same and ask leave to Report, That Salutation Street is about 250 feet in length and about twelve feet in width; that it would require between six and seven thousand feet of land in addition to the present Street, to make it of sufficient width, for two teams to pass each other, and allow a limited side walk on the southerly side there is a range of buildings the whole length of the Street, which to cut off, or set back, would virtually destroy them, and necessarily subject the City to heavy damages. On the northerly side the damage to buildings would be less; but the length of the Cole

would be so reduced as not to be worth building upon 200.
so that the amount of damages would be about the same
on either side. & In the opinion of your Committee
the widening of this street at the present time, would
not add to the convenience of the inhabitants in
proportion to the expense which would be incurred
for making the improvement, and therefore deem it
inexpedient to take any order upon the petition, and ask
to be discharged. All of which is respectfully submitted.
For the Committee, Nathan Curtis

Read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Furber to be paid his proportion of Money awarded by the verdict of a Jury for land taken to widen Commercial Street reported that they have enquired into the subject, and find that the petitioner, as one of the heirs of Abigail Furber, is entitled to receive from the City the sum of $86.99, being his proportion of the sum awarded by Court, for an Estate taken to widen Commercial Street, they therefore, recommend the passage of the accompanying Order. All of which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee, Nathan Curtis

Read, accepted and thereupon Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas Furber the sum of eighty three dollars, and ninety nine cents, being in full payment for all his right, title and interest, as one of the Heirs of Abigail Furber, in and to certain land taken for the purpose of widening Commercial Street. Provided, that he shall give a full and sufficient

Furber
Commercial
Street.

204 deed of said land, and release all damages sustained by him in the premises.

Engine Co No 4

The Committee on the Fire Department, have had the Petition of Engine Company No 4. under consideration, and are of opinion that it is proper and expedient that a new house should be erected for No 4. & recommend the passage of the following Order viz

Ordered, That a new Engine house be erected for Engine Company No 4, under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department. Read & accepted.

Dexter

The Committee on the Petition of George M. Dexter for leave to build Arches under the side walk, in Washington Street near Court Street, reported the following Order viz

Ordered. That George M. Dexter have leave to build arches under the side walk in front of No 55 Washington Street, on condition that the work is done under the direction of the Committee on paving and repairs of Streets & expense to the City, and removable at the pleasure of this board.

Engine No 13

The Committee on Concurred on the disagreement of the two boards in relation to the location & erection of an Engine House for Engine No 13. have had the same under consideration and recommend that the board of Aldermen recede from their vote locating said house that the Common Council recede from their vote in-

ing a committee on their part be joined in erecting said 207.
Engine House. The Committee therefore recommend
the adoption of the following Orders viz:
Ordered, that the Committee on the Fire Depart
ment be authorized to cause an Engine House for
Engine No 2 to be erected on the Southerly portion
of the land connected with the Franklin School
House; and that the expenditure under this Order
be charged to the appropriation for the erection, rent
and repairs of Engine Houses.
Ordered, that the Committee on Public Buildings be instruc
ted as soon as the rooms in the Franklin School House are
vacated by the Engine Company, to fit and prepare them
for the reception of one or more Primary Schools accor-
ably to the prayer of the Committee of Primary Schools
in District No 9. and that the expenditure under this
order be charged to the appropriation for the erection
of Primary School Houses. For the Committee Samuel
Quincy. Read, and agreed to. And reconsidered the vote
receded from its former vote, and passed the orders. Sent
down for concurrence. Came up. Concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next
four Clock P. M.

At a Special meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the fourteenth day of June Anno Domini 1837

Present

The Mayor, Aldermen Gurney, Hayward, Hunting, Quincy and Wells.

1806

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Chalmers, Curtis, Foster, Edwards and Isaac Hasey with such as the board of Aldermen might join a Committee to inquire into the origin and circumstances of the disturbance of the public peace which occurred in this City on the afternoon of Sunday the 11th instant, with instructions to report in detail at as early a day as practicable. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and the Mayor, Aldermen Gurney, Quincy & Wells were joined &c.

Foster & Chandler

Petition of William Foster and Thomas W. Champlin to be remunerated for the loss of their furniture destroyed by a Mob on the 11th instant, Read and referred to the Committee appointed to investigate that subject. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up & concurred.

Washington Street

Ordered, that the Committee on Streets be and they are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a plan and make the necessary arrangements and proceed the present season to widen Washington Street, between the Store of Edw Gibbens and the Store occupied by Mr Peverelly

Petition of Osmyn Brewster, and others to have the upper end of Pitts Street widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Brewster. Pitts Street.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the nineteenth day of June Anno Domini 1837.

Present.

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except Alderman Parman.

Ordered that the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to notify the tenants occupying the several buildings situated on the easterly side of Washington Street, between the estates of Daniel L. Gibbenson and the South, and Francis Amory on the North to vacate the same, or such portions thereof as may be necessary for the City to commence pulling off or pulling back the front of each building from five to ten feet, without alteration within thirty days from the date of this order. Washington Street. tenants to be Notified

A Communication was received from Isaac Waters and Walter Chase resigning his seat as a member of the Com. Council & Engine Council. Read and filed.

Warrants

Agreeable to assignment the board proceeded to ballot for the choice of Superintendent of Transportation and the votes being taken it appeared that the whole number was 8.

Necessary for a Choice 5.

Isaac Waters had 3.

Charles H. Wells 3.

Richard K. Howell 2. and there was no Choice.

Monday next, four Clock was assigned for a further trial.

City Marshal

Daniel Parkman, Esquire, was nominated and appointed City Marshal.

Quarantine

Ordered, that the 11th Section of the Ordinance establishing and regulating the quarantine of vessels be published in the Newspapers.

Foreign Ports

Ordered, that the Mayor be instructed to address a letter to the Mayors of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and such other Cities of the United States, as he may deem expedient, requesting the Cooperation of the governments of those Cities in addressing a memorial to Congress at the approaching session, on the subject of

the introduction of foreign paupers, and concurrence. Came up Concurred.

Ordered, that the Committee on Public buildings, be authorized to furnish the National Lancers with a room in the Old Court House for an Armory. National Lancers.

Petition of Nathaniel P. Sullivan and others, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the 4th of July, next, for the purpose of celebrating the National anniversary, by a public dinner. Read and granted.

Petition of Aaron H. Bean, and William S. Bean, praying, that the amount of damages may be ascertained, by reason of the taking their land in the Fitchburg and Worcester Railroad Corporation. Referred to the Committee on Roads.

The City Treasurer and Auditor, having certified, that two several notes or bonds, signed by Benjamin Adams, in which he promised to pay the City of Boston the sum of nineteen hundred and thirty five dollars, the payment of which was secured by a Mortgage recorded with Suffolk deeds, Lib. 327. fol. 251, has been fully paid, with principal and interest. Thereupon Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized and requested, to discharge said Mortgage on the records. Mortgage discharged.

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Worcester Zoological Institute

Petition of Jerome Worcester, Agent of the Zoological Institute for a license to exhibit living animals and birds, on the fourth day of July next, and for the week then next ensuing; and also that he may have permission to erect, on the lands of the City, a pavilion for such exhibition. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Brooks

Petition of Noah Brooks, and others, for leave to open a passage over the land of the City near the Hawes School House. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Riders Patent Tubular Type

Memorials and Communications from John Corey, Cornelius McCarty, John Ewing, Michael Desmond, John Welsh, Edward Keayes, and Charles McMahon, sufferers by having their property destroyed by a riotous assemblage of persons on Sunday the 11th instant. Read and referred to the Committee appointed to investigate that subject. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up. Concurred.

Drake
Summer Street

Petition of Andrew Drake, and others, to have the lower part of Summer Street widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Weller
Salem Street

Petition of John Weller, and other owners and proprietors of estates on Salem Street, praying that the City would accept said Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Committee on the Petition of John Herring, &c. John Herring.
to for a license to exhibit Conjugation of Horses at Harrington
Concert Hall, reported that the same be granted... Moscow.

Read and accepted.

Petition of Moses French Jr and others, to French.
have obstructions removed from Flounder Alley; Re- Flounder alley
ferred to the Committee on Streets...

Petition of D. C. Smith, for a licence to ex- Smith
hibit a Whale, at Long wharf... Referred to the Committee
on licenses with full power...

Petition of Adams Wight and James Mar- Wight &
chington, leave to lay a lead pipe in the footway of Carry- Marchington
ing water to his shop in Croft Street... Referred to the
Committee on paving with full power...

Representation of Henry Fowle, Engi- Fowle.
neer of the fire department, respecting the conduct of
Enoch Borrowscale a member of Engine Company No 4,
at the fire in Friend Street on Saturday morning the
27th day of May last that he said Fowle was grossly in-
sulted by said Borrowscale, and that it was the opinion
of the Engineers that he should be dismissed from the
department... Read and thereupon Ordered that said
Borrowscale be dismissed accordingly...

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Alden
First Street

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Lyman Alden and others to have First Street repaired, report, that they are of opinion, that First Street, between the Free bridges, ought to be elevated in some places and gravelled; that the Sea wall between Turnpike Street and the East end of the Boston Wharf Company, ought to be repaired; and the Street elevated to a suitable height and gravelled and recommend the adoption of the following order, viz: Ordered, that the Committee on paving and repairs of Streets be authorized to cause such repairs to be made on First Street between the bridges and to a point opposite the East end of Turnpike Street, as they may deem expedient. For the Committee Samuel Pierce

Read, accepted & the Order passed.

Washington
Street

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants require that Washington Street be widened and it is hereby made eighty feet wide between the Store owned by Daniel L. Gibbens Esquire and the Store owned by Francis Amory Esquire and occupied by Mrs Mary Trevett as follows viz: Beginning at the Southerly corner of the Store belonging to Daniel L. Gibbens, & running thence Northeasterly in a straight line two hundred and twelve feet more or less to a point on the Southerly side of Dunklin Street five feet and four inches Southeasterly from the present line of said Washington Street, thence continuing across said Dunklin Street twenty eight feet one inch to a point seven feet three inches Southeasterly from the present line of said Washington Street,

then continuing to run Northeasterly sixty one feet to a stone by a straight line to the westerly corner of a stone belonging to Francis. Amory, Esquire, then running northwesterly nine feet and by including the present line of said Washington Street; then running Southwesterly by said present line of Washington Street two hundred and ninety two feet more or less to the westerly corner of a stone belonging to Mrs. Ann Dial; then running Southeasterly by said Dial eight inches the place of beginning as marked on a plan drawn by J. F. Fuller dated April 1st 1871 taking from land of Ann Dial 124 square feet; from land of the heirs of Thos. Wise 118 square feet; from land of William Wordman 373 square feet; from land of the heirs of John Osborn 135 square feet; from land of Henry Sargent 110 square feet from land of the heirs of Colson 195 square feet; from land of Calvin Knowlton 176 square feet; from land of Samuel Miller 130 square feet; from land of the fifth abovelaid 176 square feet, and from land of Joseph Ballard 83 square feet.

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The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Petition of F. W. Ladd for payment of interest on a City note held by him till two years after it became due, have considered the same and are clear to report that it appears that the agent of Mr Ladd was notified by the City Treasurer that the note having become due no further interest would be allowed by him, but there seems to have been an impression on Mr Ladds mind that the note would draw interest till paid. Whether

211. received the notification is not apparent... It is not improbable that he may not... It is manifest that our corporation have suffered a note to lie over during the last two years, which they knew was not on interest... It is also certain that the City has had the use of the money during that period, and that it will lose nothing by allowing to Mr Ladd the rate of interest which is allowed by the bank on balances in its favor... While the committee therefore are aware that there is no legal claim for this amount of interest, and would carefully protect against the allowance under the circumstances of this case being drawn into a precedent for future action they are still of opinion that it would be in conformity with those principles of equity and liberality which ought to characterise the City government... They therefore recommend the adoption of the following order, viz.:

Ordered, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay interest on the note held by Frederic W. Ladd up to the period when the principal was paid at the rate of four per centum per annum... For the Committee Sam. H. Elliot.

Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence...

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 hour

P.M.

At a special meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the twenty second day of June Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and Aldermen Gurney, Hayward, Hunting, Quincy, Wells and Richardson.

Petition of the Masters of the Hancock Grammar School, for leave to occupy the Ward room in said School House, for the purposes of public instruction, agreeably to a vote of the School committee, Read and the prayer thereof granted.

The joint Committee who were appointed to inquire into the origin and circumstances of the disturbance of the Public peace, which occurred in this City on the afternoon of Sunday the 11th instant, Reported, that it will readily be believed, by all who were aware of the extent of the agitation and excitement which prevailed in the City, on the occasion to which the labors of the Committee were directed, that the difficulty of ascertaining the exact truth in relation to it was almost insurmountable. Yet, notwithstanding the general confusion of the time, the prevalent want of self-possession, and the natural reluctance of every one to give evidence which might injure a friend, a neighbor, or an associate, the Committee believe the following facts have been substantiated. Thursday, the 8th June, a funeral procession was formed in Broad-street, (in that part formerly called Sea Street,) near East Street, at about quarter before four o'clock, which was

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[illegible] formity with the customary practice of the Irish, was very numerously attended; the persons assembled on the occasion were estimated at from two to five hundred in number. As soon as the funeral bell was heard, the Engine Company, who were then at Work, returned to the Fire in Rosbury, which they reached in safety, and after putting their Engine into the house, many of them repaired to a neighbouring Store for refreshment. On returning from the Store, one of their number became engaged in a scuffle with some of the persons who were waiting to attend the funeral, (and who were standing in groups in East and Broad Streets) and he was either pushed or fell from the sidewalk. What were the particular circumstances which occasioned this rencontre the Committee have not been able to learn; but its consequences were immediately perceived, in the anxiety of the engine-men for the defence of their comrade, and the angry demeanor of those who were, or who thought themselves, insulted by his deportment. A number of the Irishmen in the Street drawing hastily towards the Engine House, induced an officer of the Company to order the Engine to be drawn out into the Street, and the bell attached to it to be struck, and at nearly the same time the bell of the New South Church was rung. This signal of alarm seemed to check the approach of those who were apparently actuated by hostile intentions; and the funeral procession being almost immediately formed, and moving along its intended way, the Engine Company were passing away with it. In its progress through Broad Street, however,

unfortunately happened that it came in contact with
another Engine Company, which had been summoned by
the alarm bell, and was proceeding down Summer
Street, but going a great deal out of their course in that
vicinity. The Committee have no evidence before them
that there was any intention, on the part of the Compa-
ny coming down Summer Street, to offer the slightest in-
sult, or in any way to incommode the procession. On the
contrary they believe the Company was going to the perfor-
mance of its duty in the usual manner. But it will readily be
imagined that the almost unavoidable interruption, connect-
ed as it was, in the minds of those who are prompt in their
resentment of any indignity, with the slight collision which
had just taken place was regarded as an intentional
contumely. It is in evidence that it was so regarded &
the almost instant result was a very sudden and violent at-
tack upon the Engine Company, and a conflict of a much
more serious character than that which had appeared
to be subsiding a few moments before. It has been
shown to the Committee the Company acted only on the
defensive, and as the number of persons attending the funer-
al greatly exceeded that of the members of the Fire Depart-
ment who were present, the latter were speedily driven
back to the corner, where they were hastily provided them-
selves with clubs from an adjoining wood yard. Other
Engine Companies began to gather on the ground [illegible]
and by the use of clubs and other missiles the Rioters
continued to reload, the funeral procession was broken up
and the hearse with a few followers was turned into

215. till it reached a place of safety. No injury or indignity was offered to the house, or the body it covered. From the time, which as nearly as can be ascertained, was about four o'Clock, or a little after, until nearly six o'Clock when a military force had to be called out the contest was with increasing violence, with swelling numbers, and with rising fashion. The alarm of a riot having spread rapidly through the City, very many of the inhabitants hurried to the scene of combat, and mingled in it, or endeavored to check it, or looked on with the interest of curiosity, as their dispositions severally led them. The officers of most of the Engine companies who were there, the Engineers, and especially the Chief Engineer, used their best efforts to draw off their men, ordering them home with their Engines; and many of them did withdraw; but were unable to diminish the tumult. Several companies and many individuals belonging to the department were likewise recalled from the conflict; but their places were more than supplied by other citizens, who participated in all the excitement of the occasion, without having had any share in its Origin. It has been established before the Committee, and is known to such members of it as were present, that as the fight advanced along Broad Street towards the end of Purchase Street, the number of members of the Fire Department, engaged, gradually diminished, and no one connected with it has been identified as having participated in the shameful destruction of buildings and furniture which took place at that point. Many persons who were active in the riot [illegible]

its close, when the Irish were driven into their houses, and the destruction of property began, belonged to those classes of the community who sympathise in common prejudice against foreigners, who meddle little with politics; and to them were added a great number of unreflecting youths. It has been estimated that damage to the amount of £30,000 was done before the clearance of the Military, but after the tumult, and the depredation which had alarmed & disgraced the City. It may be added, that no lives were lost on either side. The Committee have thus given an exact an account as they are able of the principal scene of confusion. Another outrage occurred in another part of the City, which they deem it proper to mention, as it was connected with both of the original parties in the conflict. An Engine Company was returning from Broad Street with a few of its members and one officer, while several persons were assisting in dragging the Engine who were not connected with the Company, and in passing through Exchange Street they met an Irishman, walking with his wife and two children. The Irishman was without any provocation, suddenly assailed, severely beaten, his clothes torn, and his life endangered by persons who had hold of the Engine or its rope; but whether these persons belonged to the Company or not, the Committee have found impossible, after much examination, to ascertain. No individual has been recognised as concerned in this disgraceful transaction, and your Committee have much pleasure in stating their deep regret that any Engine Company

217. [illegible] involved in a riot of disgraceful character. The Committee regrets very much [illegible] to particular Companies, so far as possible, because the examination before them was not on oath, and the results of it may hereafter appear in the records of the Courts. Some individuals not connected with the Fire Department, may perhaps be identified as concerned in one portion or another, of the riot; and the Committee, at the outset, will [illegible] that more persons connected with so extraordinary a series of outrages could not be ascertained. A little reflection however, upon their personal experience in the affair, convinced them that it is no easy matter to recognise a face seen perhaps but once, and then disfigured by passion, or it may be, by blood, or by wounds, after the excitement of the parties has passed away. Many must escape therefore, from the exemplary punishment they deserve, for want of witnesses to identify them. No remarks of the Committee can be necessary to embroil upon the Council, or the community at large a better sense of the enormity of the offences committed, on the Sabbath, against law, order, property and persons on the occasion which gave rise to this investigation; but some [illegible] for the consideration of the Council, it may be useful to record. The Committee have reason to believe that some exaggerations and misstatements have gone abroad, respecting the agency of the Fire Department in the matter. It is impossible for them to imagine that there was any previous concert, or predetermination in their part. The occurrence of the fire at Mr.

bury, which had called them together, was not of their procuring, nor did they know that a general procession of such unusual extent was to pass through Broad Street. Even after the procession had started, had there been more ability, had the more serious conflict would not have occurred, had not another Engine, with its company, unintentionally come in contact with the procession already in a state of some excitement. The whole arose from the accidental collision of parties, both of whom are naturally excitable. The Fire Department have no particular ill will to the Irish, though individuals among them may partake of a feeling, which is shared by many others in the community, of general dislike to all foreign laborers. It is an unhappy circumstance that so mistaken a feeling should exist in a country, where, notwithstanding the great natural population, the demand for labor is not and cannot be supplied; where the wages of labor are higher in proportion to other things, than in any other civilized country, and where with the growth of the population the objects of unusual labor multiply in a ratio still more rapid. The existing hostility is not peculiar to the Fire Department, and they should not therefore, bear the odium of any deliberate purpose of assault or insult. This is not the proper occasion to speak of the faults of the Fire Department, but whatever they may be, the Committee are anxious that they should not be overestimated; and that their services which have often been peculiarly arduous and valuable, should not be forgotten in the sudden and violent excitement attendant upon

217. the circumstance of this extraordinary occasion. The feelings which the Committee have attended to, & strengthened by the indiscretion of the other party. Instead of assimilating at once with the customs & the country of their adoption, our foreign population are too much in the habit of retaining their own national usages, of associating too exclusively with each other, and living in groups together. These practices serve no good purpose, and tend more to alienate them among whom they have chosen to reside. It would be the part of wisdom to abandon, at once all usages and associations which mark them as foreigners, and to become in feeling and in custom, as well as in privileges and rights, citizens of the United States. The frightful excesses which were committed on Sunday, the 11th instant, in this hitherto orderly City, have led the Committee to reflect upon the danger of beginning a brawl in the street, the termination of which no one can foretell. Heretofore it has been common to act with unlimited confidence on the character we have always maintained. It has been considered impossible that passions could be excited among us, which would produce such dreadful results. The melancholy experience of that day has proved, that we are not exempt from the extremities of human nature. Let no man, and no Company of men, under whatever name they may be associated, imagine that turmoil once begun can be checked whenever they themselves may wish to check it. And let the few who are reckless of Consequences or who are ambitious of producing such miserable scenes of Confusion and Plunder, take warning from the events of

that by that the power of the law is sufficient to re-
strain them, and that the public will in that justice who
shall be maintained at all hazards. For the Committee
Samuel A. Eliot Chairman. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'Clock
P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen
of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday
the twenty sixth day of June Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except
Alderman Farnam.

Agreeably to an order of the court, the Aldermen
ordered to ballot for the choice of Superintendent of Com-
mon Sewers, and upon the votes being taken it appeared that
Isaac Waters was elected. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Clk. Aldermen

The Board proceeded to ballot for the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen and Alderman Ackerman and the Tellers having taken the ballot declared that John Pickering was unanimously elected in concurrence with the Common Council.

House of Industry

Monday next, four O'Clock P.M. was assigned for the choice by Electors of the House of Industry.

Reformation

Order of the Common Council approving of Jacob Colon and Patrick Mallock as Keepers of the House of Reformation for juvenile offenders, by a concurrent vote of both branches of the City government, and also fixing the salary of that officer and the Salary of the Superintendent of the House of Industry by the City Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Committee on the part of the House of Industry, Correction and Reformation was joined.

Primary School No. 3. Dis. No. 5.

Ordered, That the Committee on public buildings be instructed to cause such repairs to be made in the Primary School house No. 3. District No. 5. as may seem to them necessary.

Washington Street

The City Marshal made a return upon the order to notify the Lamps to be removed, from before Washington Street agreeably to the order of the Board of Aldermen of the 19th instant.

Order of the Common Council committing 222.

the Petition of the Primary School committee District Primary School
No 8. praying that a piece of land may be purchased (Dist. No 8.
and a suitable building erected thereon for a school
in said district, to the Committee on public lands.

Came up for concurrence.

Read and Concurred.

Petition of Primary School committee District Primary
No 3. to have a new building erected in that District for School district
two Schools. Referred to the Committee on public buildings. No 3.

Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

Ordered, that the Committee on public lands Endicott
be instructed to purchase a lot of land in Endicott Street
which was decided for a Primary School House lot, on the
terms mentioned in an order which passed this board
on the third day of April last. And sent down for concur
rence. Came up Concurred.

Petition of [illegible] to have some alterations
in stairs made to the Store occupied by them under the
City Hall. Referred to the Committee on public buil
dings on the part of this board.

Resolved, that the safety and convenience Salem Street
of the Inhabitants require that Salem Street should be
widened by taking the following estate [illegible]

at the corner formed by the northwesterly side of Salem Street and the northeasterly side of Cross Street, thence running northwesterly by said Cross Street two feet and two inches, thence running northeasterly in a direction towards the southerly corner of a brick building belonging to Nathan Neal and there measuring thirty seven feet and ten inches to a common passageway, thence running southeasterly by the southwesterly side of said passageway, four feet, ten and a half inches to Salem Street; thence running southwesterly by said Salem Street three feet and two inches to the point of beginning containing one hundred and thirty three and a half square feet, and it is therefore hereby ordered that said state be and the same is taken and laid out as a public Street or highway.

Abbott. Petition of William Appleton and others, Remont Street to have Fremont Street repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Scott. Complaint of Samuel P. Scott and others, against Ephraim Pierce and Cyrus Babbitt, two watchmen for misconduct in their said office, and praying that they may be dismissed. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Dix & Wilson Lane. Petition of James H. Dix and others, to have Wilson Lane widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of John A. Albee and others to have Heachman Lane widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Heachman Lane

Petition of Sarah R. H. Barbara & others, owners, to have Nos. #2 Washington Street cut off on Washington to widen that Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of William Whitney & others, Selectmen to have Public Scales erected at East Boston. Referred to Aldermen Wells & Hunting.

Ordered, That the proprietors of Sarah Ann Street on the easterly side of Front Street between said Street and the Ferry Bridge, be and they are required to lay their Side Walks in front of their respective estates with brick or blank according to law, within two months.

Petition of John Hall for leave to carry a Hall, Raymond section pipe across Second Street at E. Boston and across Bennet Street, and Isaac Ellis to open a trench in South Brighton Street, and Isaac Ellis to open a trench in South Bennet Street in order to lay out the water. Referred to the Committee on paving with full power.

Petition of Sudlow Cann and others Sudlow Cann praying that the line of wooden buildings on the East side from Ann Street to the Coal yard occupied by Atkinson Merrill on the southerly side of Orient Street may be removed

225 and are a nuisance and praying that the same may be re-
moved. Referred to the City Marshal.

Macomber

The Committee on the Petition of Zebedee Ma-
comber in behalf of the Botanical Institute for leave
to erect a pavilion and exhibit a menagerie of living ani-
mals on the East and West of Church Street in the 4th
of July and the remainder of the week, Report that
the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that he
have leave to erect a pavilion for the purpose with-
in mentioned, under the direction of the Committee on
the Common. Read and accepted.

Clark Street

The Committee on laying out and widening
Streets, to which was referred the demand of Daniel Ar-
gard and others for land taken to widen Clark Street be-
tween Penn and Commercial Streets, after a full hear-
ing of the petitioners and duly considering the same,
ask leave to Report. That 1680 square feet of the
land for which remuneration is claimed, is a passage-
way, which has been open and unobstructed more than
50 years, leading from Penn Street, to the wharves
&c. Established as formerly the property of Thomas
Hutchinson formerly Provincial Governor of Massachu-
setts, and was confiscated and sold by the Government
to the present proprietors, the northern boundary of which
by this conveyance is by a twelve feet passageway; Consequen-
tly this deed covered no part of the same; another cir-
cumstance corroborative of the same fact, is that Daniel

Ballard who owns an estate on the opposite, or northern
side of the passage, and derived his title from a different
source is also bounded on the same passageway, and no
testimony was offered which satisfied the Committee
that the petitioners ever had a title to any part of the
passageway. In regard to the other part of the claim
the committee believe them entitled to equitable compen-
sation although their estate, to some extent will be
etched by this operation, by fronting on a communal Mall
30 feet wide, instead of a passageway only 12 feet wide. Never
theless 1719 feet of land have been taken from their estates
exclusive of the passage and two buildings cut off and materially
reduced in their dimentions. It may perhaps be proper to
remark that this estate is quite extensive containing prob
ably from 11 to 13000 square feet, extending from Commercial
to Dunn Streets, fronting more than 100 feet on each and about
120 feet on Clark Street. The Committee estimated the
value of the land fronting 15 feet on Commercial St.
and sixty feet deep, containing 930 feet at $2.50 per foot
amounting to $2325, and that land fronting 30 feet pinches
on Dunn Street and 15 in the rear, and 81 feet deep con
taining 789 feet estimated at $1.50 amounting to $1183.50 making
an aggregate of $3508.50, which the Committee believe to
be an equitable remuneration, and therefore recommend
the adoption of the following order viz! Ordered, that
there be paid to Daniel Sargent and his associates the sum
of three thousand five hundred and eight dollars and fifty cents
for seventeen hundred and nineteen feet of land taken to
widen Clark Street, between Dunn and Commercial

227. Streets, and all damages they may have sustained by cutting off or selling back buildings on said estate and also for loss of rent. For the Committee Nathan Gurney.

Read and accepted.

Cross Street

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants require that Cross Street be widened, and it is hereby widened and the land so taken made a part of the public Street as follows viz. Beginning on the westerly side of Ann Street at the distance of six and one inch from the southwesterly side of Cross Street, from thence running northwesterly by a straight line through the land of John C. Jones deceased about nine feet to a stake and stone. Then running northerly and parallel with Ann Street one foot seven inches to the second line of said Cross Street then running southeasterly by said prolongation of said Cross Street nine feet four inches to said Ann Street, then running southwesterly six feet one inch to the place of beginning taking from the estate of said heirs of said Jones three hundred and eight three feet of land into said Cross Street as marked on a plan taken by S. P. Fuller dated Sept 14. 1827.

Fifth Street.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants require that Fifth Street should be widened by taking a certain parcel of land bounded as follows viz. Beginning at a bound on the southeasterly side of Fifth Street at the northwest corner of the land belonging to the City and City Infirmary, and thence

[illegible] Street by said Louis; thence running northeasterly in a straight line to the southerly corner of a block of brick houses, and there measuring fifty feet not eight inches; thence running southwesterly by said fifth Street six feet and six and a half inches to a bend; thence running more southerly by said fifth Street four feet and seven inches to the point of beginning, containing one hundred and seventeen and a half square feet; and it is therefore hereby ordered, that said parcel of land before described be hereby taken and laid out as a public Street or highway.

The Committee on the Petition of Louis Dennis Dennis ask to have a lamp lighted corner of General Hospital altered, reported, that the same ought to be granted. Read & accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Samuel Kidney for a Grant of part of the Land, bottom of the Common, to sell beer &c. reported, that the same ought to be granted under the direction of the Committee on the Common. Read & accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next four Oclock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on the third day of July, Anno Domini 1837.

---Present---

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen except Alderman Parmans.

House of Industry Chosen

Agreeably to assignment the board proceeded in the first ballot in the choice of nine trustees of the House of Industry, and upon the ballot taken it appeared that Richard Child, Joseph Lewis, Daniel Henchman, Jr. Lemuel Pomeroy, Isaac Mann, Isaac P. Davis, Ed Hollis, Nathaniel H. Emmons and David Nickerson were elected in concurrence with the Common Council.

Broad St.

Petition of Baron Breed and others, to have Broad Street widened from Purchase, to India wharf. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Thomson Snow Hill St.

Petition of Erasmus Thomson, and others to have the elevation of Snow Hill Street reduced. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Foxcroft Washington St.

Remonstrance of Wesley Foxcroft, and others against the alteration of Washington Street, between Beach and Kneeland Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Hymplon

Memorial of Henry Hymplon, respecting supplying the City with a set of public scales at Faneuil

tion.," Referred to the committee who have that sub- 230.
ject under consideration.,

Petition of Levi "Ruggles, and others, "Ruggles.
to have "West Centre Street graded.," Referred to the
committee on Pavings.

Petition of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal
of Charlestown for the use of the Training Field in Church
Northampton Street, for a Minister at Large to preach
to the poor.," Referred to the committee on Public Bu-
ildings, on the part of this Board with full power.,

Petition of James G. "Hunt, and others, & "Hunt
Thomas "Burnham, that the time may be further extended "Burnham.
for their removal from their several Stands near Faneuil
Hall Market.," Referred to the committee on the Mar-
ket.,

Communication from the Clerk of the Clerk of the
Market, respecting the water in the well at the north "Market.
corner of Faneuil Hall being rendered unfit for use by
reason of the having been taken up near the Well in Cook
Square, at the time of the fire, that being the source from
which a supply of water is obtained.," Referred to the
Committee on the Market.

Petition of "Burkley and "Heath for leave "Burkley and
to erect a Pavilion for Equestrian performances situated "Heath.
between "Haverhill and "Traverse Streets.," Read & granted

provided the grant of the owner of the land be obtained and no building be erected contrary to law.

Pond in the Common.

Ordered, that the Committee on the Common be instructed to cause the stones around the edge of the Pond in the Common to be removed.

Oak, Doane & Endicott Streets.

Ordered, that the owners of estates abutting on Oak and Doane Streets, and Endicott Street as far as the same is laved, in front of whose premises the side walks are not laved, be notified to cause the same to be laved with brick or flat stones within twenty days.

Longley

Order based on the complaint of the City Marshal, against the estate belonging to Judith Longley, on the east side Street north of Wheeler's Court, being without a drain as on file, viz:- Whereas a certain tenement used as a dwelling house in Pleasant Street, north of Wheeler's Court is not provided with a suitable drain and it appears that said tenement is not owned by an inhabitant of the City, but belongs to Mrs. Judith Longley of Lowell. It is therefor Ordered, that Public notice be given to said owner in two of the newspapers printed in Boston requiring her to cause a proper and sufficient drain to be constructed in the lower part aforesaid, according to the City Ordinance, within one week from the date hereof and in case of her neglect or refusal to obey said notice, the Board will cause said drain to be made and the expense thereof assessed upon her.

On the Petition of Aaron H. Bean and 232.
William G. Bean to be paid for land taken by the Boston "Bean"
and Worcester Rail Road Corporation, Ordered, That
notice be given to the Boston and Worcester Rail Road
Corporation, that this board will proceed on Monday the
twenty fourth day of the present July to assess the
damage received by the said Aaron & William by reason
of the said Rail Road Corporation taking the land
belonging to said Aaron & William in Front Street in
the City of Boston, for the purpose of said road, with-
out the Consent of said Aaron & William and without
the consent of said Aaron and William and without mak
ing them any Compensation therefor, that the said Corpo-
ration may then be present if they see fit and show cause
why said estimate should not be made.

The Committee on the Petition of Henry Curtis
Curtis and others to have South Street, so called, South Market
Street, reported the following order viz. Read
Ordered, That the Committee on paving and repairs of
Streets be authorized to cause such repairs to be made on
South Bridge Street, and on Front Street between the Wo-
cester Rail Road and the South Bridge as they may
deem expedient, Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Smith Smith
to be paid for land to be taken in connection with Cath
dean Lynn Street, reported, That the Petitioner has no claim
against the City, Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of William
Appleton & Appleton and others to have the Tremont road repaired
Tremont Road reported, that they are of opinion that some repairs are need
ary on Tremont Road and recommend the adoption of the
following order. For the Committee Samuel Quincy.

Read accepted & thereupon

Ordered, that the Committee on paving and repairs of
Streets be authorized to cause such repairs to be made on
Tremont Road as they may think necessary.

Adjourned to half past 8 O'Clock tomorrow
morning, July 4th Met and proceeded to the old South Chu
ch and then adjourned to Monday next 4 O'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the
tenth day of July. Anno Domini 1837.

——— Present ———

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except
Aldermen Farnam and Hayward.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of
the City Council be presented to Jonathan Chapman,
Esqr. for the eloquent and patriotic Oration deli

ed by him, on the recent anniversary of American Inde-
pendence, before the Municipal Authorities, and that
the Mayor be requested to give notice to the
Corporation.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks Academy of
of the City Council be presented to the Choir of the Music
Boston Academy of Music, for their scientific and
appropriate performance of the sacred music
on the recent celebration of the anniversary of American
Independence.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks City Guards
of the City Council be presented to the City Guards
for the acceptable manner in which they performed the
duty of voluntary escort of the municipal procession, on
the recent anniversary of American Independence.

Memorial of the Commissioners of Custom
the United States for building a Custom House; and House
the Committees of the Proprietors of Long wharf & Central
wharf, respecting the building said House at the head of
the dock between said wharves, that the City would accept
the several Streets which they shall lay out around
said House, and keep the same in repair. Referred
to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of William H. Craig praying Craig
to be remunerated for his trouble in arresting and bring-
ing to Justice, two men charged with setting fire to a building.
Referred to the Mayor.

The Board proceeded to the Choice of Superintendent of Common Sewers and Drains, by ballot and the whole Choice was unanimous in favor of Isaac Walker.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Came up Non-Concurred.

Remick
Leonard
Avenue

Petition of Samuel H. Remick, and others that the City would accept Leonard Avenue &c Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Boulder
Corliss
Earl Street

Memorial of Boulder, Corliss &c respecting widening Mill Street & grade the head of Earl Street.

Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Shaw
Stock

Petition of Robert G. Shaw to be paid the difference between the specie and bills, for interest on City Stock held by him for certain persons residing in the Island of Cuba & Porto Rico., Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Came up Concurred.

Raymond

Petition of Edward A. Raymond, to be paid, the amount of a contract, being two thousand dollars, for a certain Common Sewer constructed by him and others, from Brighton Street towards the channel., Referred to the Committee on Drains.

Lewis & Barthol

Petition of Lewis & Barthol[omew] for a certain exhibition Diorama of Panoramic Groups of the

Hl.pace at the artists gallery on Summer Street. 236.
Referred to the Committee on licenses with full power.

Petition of Edward Lane and others to have the Sewer in Earl Street repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of H. B. Munroe and John Perkins to have the common sewer in Eaton Street extended, and the expense thereof assessed upon those whose estates shall be benefitted thereby according to law. Read and thereupon Ordered, that public notice be given in the newspapers for all persons interested to appear before this board on Monday next 4 o'Clock P. M. and object to the same if they see cause. Munroe & Perkins Eaton Street.

Ordered, that the Committee on Public lands be authorized, if upon investigation, they shall deem it expedient, to purchase a lot of land on West Centre street, belonging to Ezra Forster, for the purpose of erecting an Engine house thereon, provided the same can be obtained for one dollar per square foot. Sent down for concurrence. Engine House Land for

Came up concurred.

It appearing to this board, that notice has been given to Judith Longley agreeably to the order passed at the last meeting, and now no one appearing, it is thereupon Ordered, that the Committee on Longley

[illegible] the nuisance complained of, by causing a drain to be made from her premises, at her premises, at her expense.

Hunt & Hunt market

The Committee on the several Petitions of Thomas Wareham, James G. Hunt and others, that further time may be allowed them to remove from the market, reported, that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted. Read and accepted.

Auctioneer

Daniel Hersey licensed as an Auctioneer and his bond approved.

Parker

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of E. H. Parker for the use of the cupola of City Hall for purposes connected with an Electro Magnetic Establishment with said Power, having ascertained that the object he had in view would be useful to the commercial community generally, have given leave to make use of the Cupola accordingly.

Read and accepted.

Complaint against Watchmen

The Committee on the Police to whom was referred the complaint of Lt. Samuel F. Scott, Daniel Ballard and James F. Williamson against Pierce and Whitehill, watchmen, for wrongfully arresting and committing the complainants, have examined into the matter, and had a full hearing of the parties interested and all witnesses of the transaction whose evidence

was material in the case. The following are the 238.
principal facts as they were stated before the committee.
On the night of the 31st May last or between 2 & 3
o'clock on the morning of the 1st of June Scott William-
son and Ballard were in an Omnibus Coming along
when their attention was attracted by the condition of
a drunken man, near the corner of Lindall Street, when
Pierce the watchman, with the aid of another person
was removing to a place of greater security. They
accosted Pierce in a manner which, though prompt-
ted perhaps by a feeling of kindness towards the
miserable Drunkard was ill calculated to conciliate
ate an officer engaged in the performance of a
disagreeable duty. The natural consequence was a
rough reply and an altercation in which it is impossible
to determine which party used the harshest language,
or most violent actions. It was in evidence, although
denied by Pierce that he threatened to strike Lt Scott
with his watch hook and it was admitted by the com-
plainants, that to prevent such a blow, one of them first
arrested his arm and then all three grasped him around
the body & arms in such a manner as effectually to dis-
able him for the moment. As soon as he was relea-
sed, he sprang his rattle, and upon the arrival of Suf-
ficient assistance conveyed them to the Central watch
house, where Mr Babbit is the presiding officer.
Here Pierce immediately entered a complaint against
the three memorialists for an assault upon him in the dis-
charge of his duty, and Mr Babbit very promptly com-

mitted them all to the County Jail. It was said by the complainants that they had no sufficient opportunity to state their case; that there was no investigation into the circumstances by Babbit, that bail was refused, and that they were roughly handled & menaced threatened. It appeared however from the evidence that if the complainants did not state their case in their own way, it was not because silence was enforced; that there was, it might be very natural, upon closed doors, a great deal of loud talking, loud enough to be heard in the entry, that more than angry contradictory look place between the parties. The complaint entered by Pierce was for a very serious offence, an assault on a Watchman, and the main facts on which that complaint was founded were not denied by the memorialists either on that evening, or at the examination before the committee. All that was attempted was to offer a palliation or justification of their conduct from the fear that Mr. Pierce, in his violence, would kill one or more of them. However well founded that apprehension may have been the Committee cannot think that the proper cause to prevent its being realized was to assault the watchman, nor can they think that Mr Babbit committed any offence against law, nor any violation of Custom by committing them to jail. It may happen that the complainants belong to a class not often exposed to the treatment they experienced to be dealt with in a watch house or jail, and that what they may have experienced, possibly, for the first time, struck them as more severe and rough than it would have

done between the different parties... A Committee must be made, too, by all parties, for the state of excitement necessarily produced by their treatment of each other... If the constables were rough, the complainants were rude; and in undertaking to teach the watch its duty, certainly exceeded their own... The Committee may have erred in committing to jail persons of character and station warranted to believe that they would not have shrunk from a subsequent investigation of their conduct; but this error of judgment can hardly be severe, as it is of a fact, in the opinion of the Committee... With regard to Mr. Pierce, while the Committee think he should have shown more calmness of temper, yet there is some excuse for him in the provoking manner in which he was very unnecessarily interfered with by the gentlemen. He was doing the very thing they seem to have desired, and their interference produced a quarrel which appears to have ended in the entire neglect of the object of their benevolence. The Committee cannot but believe that the rebuke conveyed by this Act to the watch combined with their experience of the inconvenience attending any degree of unnecessary violence will be sufficient caution to the parties concerned to control their temper in future and to be cool in the exercise of their legal authority; and on the other side, the Committee hope that gentlemen who may be out late at night, will see the propriety of obtaining some more peaceable interference with the watch, and from a firm conviction

241. ation warranted neither by their own supineness, nor by the negligence of the water Co. the committee are of the opinion that the experience of the persons complained of in this particular instance, will render them more useful officers on the whole than any persons who might probably be obtained as substitutes for them, and therefore recommend that the prayer of the memorial be not granted. Samuel A. Eliot, Committee on Police.

Read and accepted.

Fraternity of Churches

The committee on the Petition of the Fraternity of Churches for the use of the Primary School room on Hanover Street, for a minister at large to preach to the poor, reported, that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and they have given leave accordingly.

Read and accepted.

Earl Street extended.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants, require that Earl Street be extended from Purchase Street to Broad Street, and the same is hereby laid out and established as a Street or highway, as follows viz. "Beginning on Purchase Street at the westerly corner of land belonging to the Proprietors of Purchase Street Church; thence running southeasterly by the southwesterly side of said Church and the line thereof continued straight one hundred and sixty feet to Broad Street; then running southwesterly [illegible] one inch, then running northwesterly parallel with the first described line and sixty five feet one inch distant therefrom to Vendy

eight feet more or less to land of [illegible] on [illegible]
on the line northeasterly eight feet to Purchase Street
to the point of beginning. The same more particularly
described on a plan taken by S. P. Fuller
dated July 7th 1837.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock
P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the 17th day of July, Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen viz
Aldermen Farnum and Quincy

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Common Sewers a Superintendent of Common Sewers and the vote being taken & sorted it appeared that Charles H. Wells was chosen [illegible] Clerk

concurrence. Came up concurred.

Constables appointed

The following persons were nominated and appointed Constables on their giving bonds as the law directs viz Jeremiah Clapp, Ebenezer Prescott, George Robinson, Nathan Sweet, Wm. Wetherbee, C. Babbitt, James [illegible], Wm. [illegible], Enoch Pratt, Moses Clapp, Wm. Weaver, William Andrews, John F. Wadman, Malcolm Bates, Pratt, James Hunkins, James Pierce, Jacob C. Saltmarsh, Josiah Baldwin, Isaac L. Coolidge, Samuel N. Burnham, Jacob Cook, James Davis, Elisha Copeland, Michael Riley and Willard Clough.

Report of Committee

The committee to whom was referred the applications of sundry persons, owners or occupants of houses in Broad Street, whose property was injured or destroyed in the riot on Sunday the eleventh of June for compensation therefor have found it necessary to consult the City Solicitor in relation to the subject, and have received from him the accompanying communication. By this it appears that it is neither in the duties nor the powers of the City Government or Aldermen to grant compensation for damage received in such manner. The only method by which remuneration can be made to the sufferers from which they have been alleviated to a greater or less extent is by private contribution, as the laws of the Commonwealth give no power of this description to towns or cities. Under these circumstances the committee ask to be discharged from the farther consideration of the subject. For the Committee Samuel N. Eliot Chairman

Read and accepted in Common Council. Came up for Ord'd
concurrence. Read and Concurred.

Memorial of the assistant assessors praying that Assistant
further compensation be allowed them for the services by them
appointed to take a statistical account concerning certain
manufacturing, Mechanical, Artificial and other interests or
branches of industry, than that allowed by the Statute of
the Commonwealth. Read and referred to Messrs. Brown
Hunting, Wells and Richardson, with such as the Common
Council may join to consider and report. Sent down for
concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Edwards, Isaac Harris &
Grover or

It appearing to this board, that notice has Perkins &
been given on the petition of A. H. Munroe and Others Munroe
Perkins, to have the common sewer extended in Fil-
lon Street, and the expense thereof assessed according
to law upon those whose estates shall be benefitted
thereby. And now no person appearing to object,
it is thereupon Ordered; that the Committee on Drains
and Sewers, be authorized to cause said sewer to be ex-
tended; if they shall see fit.

Petition of Michael Malone, praying Malone
that the line and elevation of Broadway & Hale Broadway
may be given him, where he is about building. Reference Hale
to the Committee on Streets with full power.

245. Petition of Joseph K. P. Bradlee, and others
Bradlee to have Franklin Street extended near Washington
Franklin Street Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Shaw Robert G. Shaw gives notice of his intention of building a wharf on his flats, adjoining that of the City, and prays that the boundary lines between their estates may be settled. Referred to the Committee on Flats and Land. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Public Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen
Sealer Welmore and Gurney be a Committee to examine the Public Sealers.

Fairbanks Petition of Nathan Fairbanks, & others, Mechanics for leave to erect a Mechanic's Institution. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings on the part of the Board.

Auctioneers Daniel N. Haskell & Co. Timothy M. Baker Joseph L. Cunningham, Coolidge & Haskell, Nathaniel T. Frothingham, Edward F. Hall, Tristram T. Mackay, Otis Rich, Robins & Tyler, John Tyler & Willard C. White licensed as Auctioneers and their several bonds approved.

Davenport Memorial of Augustus Davenport praying for debtor laws, and also a new system of winding

which he has to communicate to the Mayor and City 246.
Solicitor and praying aid for the purpose of carrying the
same into effect. Referred to the Committee on the
Jail &c with such as the Common Council may join.
Sent down for concurrence.
Came up Concurred.

Resolve of the Common Council requesting the Mayor and Aldermen not to remove the Horse Commons around the Pond on the Common. Read and referred to the Committee on the Common.

Pond in the

A motion was made, that a uniformel- South Boston
evation of the streets at South Boston be adopted, and Streets.
that the City Surveyor be instructed to survey and affix
monuments of said elevation under the directions of a Com-
mittee of the board, and, xxxx also to make a plan of
the same, which when approved by the Mayor and Al
dermen shall be recorded with the City records.

Communication from Edward Brooks House of
Chairman in behalf of the Directors of the House of Reformation
Reformation, on the means of preventing escapes from
said house. Read and referred to the joint Committee
on the Jail, House of Industry, Reformation and Co
rection to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence.
Came up Concurred.

247.

Hobbins — Memorial of John B. Hobbins and others relating the Wabash at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Sheridan — Petition of John Sheridan to be licensed to give a sparring exhibition at Julien Hall, this evening. Referred to the committee on licenses with full powers.

Briggs — Petition of Theophilus F. Briggs, to connect his vault with the Common Sewer. Referred to the committee on internal health with instructions to consider and report upon the expediency of repealing or modifying the ordinance regulating that subject.

Taxes — Ordered, that the City & County Treasurer cause to be condensed and recorded in a book for that purpose, all taxes which are outstanding and unpaid for the five years last past, and that he be authorized to employ at the expense of the City one or more Clerks to do such as may be necessary therefor. And that the expense be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up. Concurred.

House of Reformation — Order of the Common Council instructing the Standing Committee on the House of Industry, Correction and Reformation to consider and report on the expediency of removing the Institution for the Reformation of Juvenile Offenders to Deer Island. Came

upon for concurrence. Read and concurred. 248.

The Committee on the Petition of Benja Poor min. Poor to be licensed as an Auctioneer, reported, that Auctioneer the prayer of his Petition be granted. Read and accepted.

Ordered, that the Committee on the Roxbury South bridge be empowered and instructed to cause the piers of South Free bridge to be planked.

The Mayor communicated to the board Engine Com^y of Aldermen, that Engine Company No. 7, has been No. 7.) guilty of sundry acts of insubordination, and refusing to obey the laws establishing and regulating the department, and passing resolutions declaring their determination to persevere therein. Thereupon Ordered, that the Committee on the fire department be instructed to notify the officers and members of Engine Company No. 7, that their services are no longer required in the department, and they are requested to return the property intrusted to their care, to the custody of the Chief Engineer

Ordered, That there be paid to the Liverpool Wharf Corporation on or before the 5th day of Liverpool Wharf Corporation next, the sum of two thousand dollars in full for seven thousand nine hundred and thirty five feet of land taken to extend Pearl street, from Purchase street to Broad street, on their giving a good and sufficient deed of the same, and releasing the City from all damages, and

2 Yy. particulars and which may be occasioned by the force of any lease or leases covering any part of said premises, and remove all encumberances or obstructions on any part of said land so taken, except a certain building or buildings occupied by Jourkin Snow, and which are to be removed by said Corporation at their own expense, on or before the fourth day of April next.

Swallow Causeway Strait. Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Edmund and others, to have Causeway Strait widened, have attended to the duty assigned them and Report; That the angle at the intersection of Causeway and Leverett Streets on the northerly side, is extremely acute, frequently occasioning accidents to the persons and vehicles of unskilful or careless drivers in passing the corner from one Street to the other. By cutting off a small piece of land from the head of the angle the danger would be very much lessened, and as several new houses have recently been erected on the other side of the Street directly opposite, which will cause some change of elevation and consequently new fencing at that place, your Committee believe it the most favourable opportunity for making this improvement which may occur for many years, and therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants require that Causeway Street be widened on the northerly side near its intersection with Leverett St. and the same is hereby widened by taking, from the estates

known by the name of the fleet estate a piece of land con- 2650.
taining forty eight and two thirds feet and bounded as fol
low viz^t beginning at a point on the eastern side of Lo-
vell Street at the distance of eight feet from the inter-sec-tion
of the easterly side of said Lovell Street, and the north-
erly side of Causeway Street; thence running easterly
by said Lovell Street to said point of intersection
eight feet, thence northeasterly by the northerly side
of said Causeway Street sixteen feet five inches; thence
westerly fourteen feet eight inches to the point of be-
ginning on the northerly side of said Lovell Street.
the last described line running parallel with the
front of a wooden building and fourteen feet eleven
inches distant therefrom, according to a plan drawn
by Alexander Wadsworth dated June 5th 1837.
In the Committee Nathan Gurney Jr

Read, accepted & resolve passed.

Copy of resolves concerning Charlestown Charlestown
bridge; Read and referred to Aldermen Welmore and
Gurney, with such as the Common Council may join, to
consider and report; Sent down concurrence. Came
up Concurred and the Common Council joined on its part
Messrs Curtis, 2d Harris and Austin.

= Adjourned to Monday next
four Oclock P. M. =

At a special meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the twenty first day of July Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except Alderman Parker.

Mayor's Message Referred to Committee on Fire Department

The Mayors Message, respecting the fire department was Read in Common Council and thereupon Ordered, that the order, and the proposed amendment of the Ordinance establishing a fire department be committed to Messrs Williams, Emory, Chapman, Gould and Eaton with such as the board of Aldermen may join, with liberty to report by ordinance or otherwise, and with instructions to cause the Mayors Message to be published, and to cause their report to be printed and distributed to the members of the City Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred & the Committee on the fire department is joined.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Alder-
men of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Mon-
day the twenty fourth day of July Anno Domini 1837.

Present.

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen, except
Alderman Farnam.

Richard Hosea and Edward P. Constables
Hunt were nominated and appointed Constables. appointed.

Communication from the Overseers of the Poor was received announcing that Wm. Ballard Ward meet-
Esquire late a member of that board from Ward No 6 is
dead. Read and thereupon Ordered, that a warrant
be issued for a meeting of the Freemen of said Ward
on Monday next 12 o'Clock M. for the purpose of electing
an Overseer of the Poor, to serve a member of the Common
Council, in lieu of the late. Voters to come to and
the Poll to be kept open until 3 o'Clock P. M.

Petition of William Eaton, to lay a Eaton
Suction Pipe across Salem into Cooper Streets. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Paving, with full power.

Petition of William Pelby, for a Pelby
License for the National Theatre. Referred to the Aldermen
Committee on Licenses.

253. Petition of Samuel H. Lewis for leave
Lewis to build a tomb in the South burial ground. Referred
to the Committee on burial grounds.

Auctioneers William Andrews, Gardner & Chamber
lain, Samuel Caleb, John S. Thaxton, Abel Pratt,
and Ferdinand E. White, licensed as Auctioneers and
their bonds approved.

Chief Engineer Chief Engineer of the fire department's
disbanded account of Engine Companies disbanded, and the sever-
al sums due to them. Referred to the Committee on the
fire departments.

Order Ordered, that there be paid to the Boylston
Infirmary Eye and Ear Infirmary, the sum of one hundred and
Ear Deaf seventy six dollars and twenty five cents, in full for one
hundred and seventeen and one half feet of land taken from
their estate to widen Fitts street on their giving a good &
sufficient deed and releasing the City from all dama-
ges.

Atkins Ordered, that there be paid to Benjamin
Wedford Street Atkins, the sum of sixty five dollars in full for twenty
five and two thirds feet of land taken from his estate
to widen Wedford street, on his giving a good and suf-
ficient deed of the same, and releasing the City from
all damages.

Drains & Com. Ordered, that permits for entering particular
sewers drains into Common sewers, as required in accor-

of the ordinance relative to Sewers and Drains shall pay, hereafter be issued, in behalf of this board, and under its authority, by the Superintendent of Sewers.

The Committee on the Petition of Sam' Lynas Lynas to have the Pump repaired in East Street, East Street reported, that the prayer of said petitioner ought Pump not to be granted. Read & accepted.

A Communication was received from McLean Asylum. the McLean Asylum, together with a vote of the trustees Williams. of the Massachusetts General Hospital, that Sarah B. Williams be discharged. Read and referred to the Committee on the Jail &c.

The City Treasurer and Auditor of Mortgage accounts having certified, that a note of hand, signed & discharged. Richard Cate, promising to pay the City of Boston, the sum of four thousand four hundred and forty dollars the payment of which was secured by mortgage recorded with Suffolk deeds Lib. 370 fol. 220 & has been fully paid & all principal and interest. Read and thereupon Ordered. that the Mayor be authorized and requested to discharge the same on the record.

The Committee on the Petition of Sea. Tewksbury Tewksbury Captain of Lazaretto that additional compensation &c, &c; and that a pilot be assigned Tewksbury, (for reasons stated in his petition, one hun-

Two hundred and twenty dollars in addition to his salary and that the same be charged to the appropriation for external Health and Quarantine. For the Committee. Thomas Wetmore. Read and accepted.

Scudder Milk Street

The Committee on laying out and widening streets to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Scudder and others to have Milk Street widened, near Pearl Street have had the same under consideration and report, that Milk Street has recently been ordered to be elevated and paved, at the place where it is proposed to be widened, and as there are no buildings on the land intended to be taken, your Committee are unanimous in opinion that this is the most favourable opportunity for making the improvement which will probably occur for many years, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution viz. Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants require that Milk Street on the northerly side of the same near Bath Street be widened and the same is hereby widened by taking a strip of land from the estate of Charles M^c^Intyre, and the part so taken is made a part of said Street or public highway, and bounded as follows viz. "Beginning at the Southerly corner of the land reserved to Hugh Scudder thence from thence running by a line in continuation of the front line of said Store ten feet more or less to the water by a line of land sold by the City of Boston to Charles M^c^Intyre, thence running more Southerly to the easterly

corner of a block of brick house belonging to said Mc. 256.
Entire thence to the feet more or less, thence running east
erly by the present line of said Milk Street three
one feet to the southeasterly corner of said land
sold said Mc. Entire; thence running northerly two
feet seven inches to the place of beginning taking
from said land sold by the City to said Mc. Entire
53 3/4 square feet and from other land of said Mc.
Entire 53 3/4 square feet as marked on a Plan taken
by A. P. Fuller dated December 23 1825. For the com
mittee Nathan Gurney. Read, accepted & the resolve
passed.

Adjourned to Monday next four
oClock P. M.

At a Special meeting of the board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Saturday the twenty ninth day of July Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, viz
Aldermen Farnam & Hunting.,

An ordinance for preventing and Fire Department
extinguishing fires and establishing a fire department.,
Read & passed, in concurrence with the Common Council.

257.

Raymond &al order to pay

Ordered, that there be paid to Edward A. Raymond, Junius Curtis, John Howe and Samuel Darling, two thousand dollars; provided the said Raymond, Howe and Darling release the City from all liabilities which it may be under, by reason of a certain contract made with them and dated December 28, 1835, wherein the City agreed to pay them the said sum in consideration of certain work to be done by them, viz. a common sewer leading from Throop Street to low water mark, and said work having been done, and the said common sewer completed according to said contract.

House of Reformation. Committee of Conference.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Grant, Gould & Williams a committee to confer with such committee as might be appointed on the part of the board of Aldermen relative to the subject matter of difference between the two boards, on an order relative a committee with instructions to establish the limits of the land set off for the House of Reformation by continuing in a straight line the northern boundary of the Rochester fence on that boundary be delayed until the further order of the City Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and Concurred, and the Committee on the part of this board.

Corporation vaults

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Amory, Talcot, Curtis and Seaver with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider and report by ordinance or otherwise, on the expediency

establishing a Corporation yard for the purpose of 358.
repairing engines, and other apparatus attached to the
fire department of the City of Boston. Came up for
concurrence. Read and Concurred and the Com
mittee on the fire department was joined.

Adjourned to Monday next, four
o'clock P. M.

Held a meeting of the board of Alder
men of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday
the thirty first day of July, Anno Domini 1857.

---Present---

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen except
Alderman Richardson.

Petition of Charles Count and C. H. Hamilton
Thorn for a license for the Lion Theatre. Referred to the Com
mittee on licenses.

Petition of Thomas Barry for a license Barry
et for the Tremont Theatre. Referred to the Committee Tremont Theatre
on licenses.

The Committee on the Petition of William Ed
dy for a license for the National Theatre reported that Eddy

259. a license be granted upon the same terms and conditions that the same was granted the last year.

Read and accepted.

Winchester Cooper

Petition of Edmund Winchester, & others for leave to have Cooper Street extended to Salem Street, to be called Richmond Street. Referred to the Committee on St.

Cordis & Adams Corne Hrale

Petition of Thomas Cordis and Benjamin S. Adams, to be paid for land taken to widen Derne Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Hall Neighton Mast & Winston Street

Petition of Wm Hall, and others, to have Neighton Mast & Winston Street widened by removing all buildings & other obstructions from the north side walk. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Chamberlain Hinel Street

Petition of H. L. Chamberlain, and others for leave to lay a well in Hinel Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Bryant Charles Street drain

Petition of John Bryant, and others, to have a nuisance which now exists, abated, occasioned by the outlet of the common sewer from Charles Street lying on the surface of the ground near the Western Avenue. Referred to the Committee on drains.

Ordered that the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to notify George Brinly to cut

off, or remove back to the line of the Street, over 200.
his wooden building and board fence now standing
partly on First Street between Fairfield Street and
A Street, South Boston, within twenty days, if not
done within that time, the City will cause the same
to be done at his expense.

Samuel R. Bayley, Julius A. Rabe, Benjamin Dunlevey,
Poor, Frink Stratton and Prentice Whitney licensed
as Auctioneers, and their bonds approved.

Petition of Frederick A. Colburn, Clerk of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, for additional compensation. Referred to the committee on the fire department. Clerk of Engineers

The Committee on the Petition of Sam'l H. Hewes Hewes, for leave to build a tomb in the South burial ground, reported, that leave be given to build a tomb in the South east corner in the first square South, near the entrance of the gate on Washington Street.

Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Joseph F. Bradlee Bradlee, and others, to have Franklin Street widened near Franklin Street Washington Street, reported, that it is inexpedient to widen the same, at the present time. Read accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Certain Engineers

1861. Engine men to have the bell in the Baptist Church corner of Union and Hanover Streets, rung at the alarm of fire is read, that it is inexpedient to take any action on the subject. Read and accepted.

Bird Green Street

Petition of Jesse Bird, and others to have Everett Street widened at its junction with Green Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mechanic Association

The Committee on Public Buildings, having had the petition of Stephen Fairbanks and others, under consideration, are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted, provided the use of the hall, on occasion of the fair, be allowed without expense to the City, that the petitioners be answerable for all damage done to the Hall, and return it in as good and clean condition as they receive it. For the Committee Sam A. Eliot.

Read and accepted.

Kimball Pump in Bock Square

The Committee on the Fire Department are of opinion that it is inexpedient to repair the pump in Bock Square unless the abutters will previously contribute the amount necessary to make such repairs.

Read and accepted.

Gragg

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William J. Gragg, reported, that they believe upon inquiry that the petitioner incurred some expense as stated in the petition and recommend the passage

of the following order, viz^t. Ordered, That there 2102.
be paid to William F. Gragg Ten dollars in full
for all expenses and services in the arrest of Wm C.
Crumbach and Eugene T. Walker. Read & accepted.

The Committee on the order directing the Primary School
Committee on Public building, to cause the Primary School House No.
house, No 3. district, No 5. to be repaired, report, that No. 5.
they have directed the necessary repairs to be made.

Adjourned to Monday next, four
Oclock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Alder-
men of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday
the Seventh day of August Anno Domini 1837.

---Present---

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except
Aldermen Hayward and Quincy.

City Clerk, Superintendent of burial grounds, Measurers
and Hay weighers, made their quarterly reports of monies by them
received and paid into the City Treasury.

Read and filed.

The Superintendent of Public Lands, quarter- Public Lands Superintendent

263. by report, and praying, that a Committee be appointed upon the true construction of the 26th section of the order establishing the salaries of the Public officers... Read & referred to the Committee on Public lands... Sent down for concurrence.

Came up Concurred...

Quarantine establishment — Whereas this board has been informed, that the Plague doth prevail, or recently hath prevailed at the Port of Smyrna, in the Mediterranean Sea... It is thereupon ordered, that a quarantine shall be had upon all vessels their officers and Crews passengers and Cargoes coming from said Port, into the harbour of Boston, or shall bring any part of their Cargo from said Port until the further order of this board...

Tremont Theatre — The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Barry for a license for the Tremont Theatre reported that the license be granted upon the same terms and conditions as the last year... Read and accepted...

Lion Theatre — The Committee on the Petition of Charles F. Coupl and C. K. Thorn for a license for the Lion Theatre reported, that the license be granted upon the same terms and conditions as the last year...

Read & accepted...

Cross Street — Petition of Elizabeth Jones and others widow and heirs of John C. Jones deceased praying that the lands which fronted this board to widen Cross Street

by taking a part of their estate for that purpose be re- 2064.
cinded... Referred to Aldermen Bancroft, Harding
and Wells.

Petition of the Primary school Committee Primary school
district No 6. praying that the ward room in the Fitz Pts. 8 & 6
throp school house in East Street, may be furnished and
granted for the use of School No 10, in said district...
Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

The Superintendent of Public Sewers Supt of Public
and drains made a return of sundry persons who have Sewers. Tileston
entered their drains into the common Sewers in Tileston and Hancock
Street and Hancock Street, and their respective Streets...
assessments... Read and accepted and thereupon
Ordered that the said Superintendent make out the
bills, and lodge them with the City Treasurer for collec-
tion...

Ordered, that there be paid to Thomas Farnham
the sum of five hundred dollars, in full for one hun-
and thirty feet of land, taken from his estate in
Salem Street, and also for building standing on
said land, together with all other damages he may have
sustained by widening said Street, on his giving a good
and sufficient deed of the same...

Petition of Cyrus Dennis and others to have Sewer
Washington Street widened, by taking off a part of the Main Central
wooden building next to the Washington Coffee House.
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

265.

Shattuck Hanover Street. Petition of George C. Shattuck, Junior to be paid for land taken to widen Hanover Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Hayden Washington Street. Notice of William Hayden Junior of his intention of making repairs upon the building No. 54 and 56 Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Hammond Emerson Street. Memorial of Samuel Hammond, and others, respecting the elevation of Emerson Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Wells. Petition of Benjamin Wells, for leave to build arches under the side walk in front of his estate on the corner of Washington and Franklin Sts. Referred to the committee on Streets.

Edmands. Petition of Simeon P. Adams to construct arches under the side walk in front of his estate on Franklin Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewerage.

Ballard. Petition of John Ballard to construct arches under the side walk in front of his estate on Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewerage.

Fire department Fire Regulations. The Committee on the fire department reported rules and regulations for the government of said department. Read and accepted.

Petition of Winslow Lewis, and others to 266
have the Common Sewer repaired in Northampton Street. Mr. Lewis
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with
full power.

Ordered; that there be paid to Jotham Wade
Wade, the sum of fifty nine dollars and forty cents, in
full for forty four feet of land, taken from his estate to
widen the Street, on his giving a good & sufficient deed
of the same; and releasing the City from all damages.

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen, School Committee
Treasurer, Engineer, and Messrs Ware & Clement be a Committee to make Committee
arrangements, and provide a dinner at Faneuil Hall in commemoration
the anniversary of the inauguration of the Chief Magistrate
on the 23d instant. c.

Thos Field licensed as an Auctioneer & Auctioneer
and his bond approved.

The Committee on laying out and widen- Monshaw
ing Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Charles
Monshaw and others to have a street laid from Fran-
cis Street to Bowdoin Street, have had the same under
consideration and ask leave to Report, that a street open-
ed as prayed for by said petitioners would be
habitants residing on Bowdoin Street and those
ers residing still further west, a more easy and direct
communication with the central business parts of the
City we have no doubt, and as your petitioners intimate

would tend to promote and assist the plans which [illegible] to several large estates adjoining, but no assurance has been offered that any thing would be contributed towards defraying the expenses for lands or making the street, and carrying the plans contemplated in regard to those estates into execution. Your Committee are unable to perceive that the public would derive any important advantage by opening this street and consequently it would be unwise to incur any considerable expense to effect the object, nevertheless, as it would accommodate a portion of the citizens adjacent we would recommend the passing of the following Resolution. The Committee, Messrs Warner, Woodward and Burchard

Woodward, that if Charles Hinshaw and others petitioners for a new street to be laid out, from Somerset Street to Bowdoin Street through Somerset Court, will cause an avenue to be opened of the same width in said Court, and will cause the same to be completed before the first day of January next in a suitable manner for paving, and erect a substantial stone wall of a proper height to protect the same on the northerly side; the whole to be performed to the satisfaction of the City, in that case this Board pledge itself to accept of the same as one of the public streets of the City.

Horticultural Society.

The Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the petition of the Horticultural Society for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the 20th of September next

Report that the use of Faneuil Hall having been
granted to the Mechanic Charitable Association for a fair
to be held in the month of October the same cannot be
given to the Horticultural Society at their usual time. They
therefore ask to be discharged from the further consider
ation of the subject. For the Committee Sam'l. Eliot.

Read and accepted

Adjourned to Monday next, four
Oclock P. M.

Met a special meeting of the
board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City
Hall on Friday the eleventh day of August Anno Domini
1837 ——Present——
The Mayor, Aldermen Farnum, Helmes, Gurney,
Wells and Quincy.

The rules and regulations for the government of the Fire department were taken, and the vote relating thereto was reconsidered, and sundry amendments being made to the same. They were adopted as amended.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 Oclock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the fourteenth day of August, Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen except Aldermen Welmore and Hayward.

Bartlett Engine No. 1. The Petitions of Daniel Bartlett, Brothers and Foln Boston, and others praying that Engine No 1 may not be removed from its present location: Referred to the Committee on the fire department.

Horticultural Society. Petition of the Horticultural Society for the use of the Supreme Court room in the Old Court House for an exhibition of fruits and flowers on the 20th of September next: Referred to the Committee on Public buildings on the part of this board with full power.

Ryan Sewer Petition of James Ryan, for leave to open a drain from Centre alley into Mill Street: Referred to the Committee on drains and sewers.

Curtis Pump. Petition of James Richards and others for leave to take care of the Pump at the southerly entrance of the Court House: Referred to the Committee on drains.

Hurd Petition of Ephraim Marsh, to have the compensation refused in April last: Referred to the committee on drains and sewers.

The Committee on the Petition of John Ward
ward for leave to construct arches under the sidewalk, in Howard
street; that the prayer of the Petition be granted on condi- Manning-
tion that the work be done at the expense of the Petitioner Street
and to the satisfaction of the Committee, removable at the
pleasure of this board. Read and accepted.

The Superintendent of Sewers and drains, Boudoin Street
reported an assessment for laying a Common sewer in Bou- Sewer
doin street. Read and accepted, and ordered that the
Superintendent make out the several bills and lodge
them with the Treasurer for Collection.

Josiah Haskell was nominated & appointed Constable
a Constable.

George P. Thomas was appointed an Auction- Auctioneer
eer and his bond approved.

William Barnicoat was nominated & Chief
appointed Chief Engineer of the fire department. Engineers
and Assistant Concurred.
Came up Concurred.

Henry Mill, Daniel E. Sanborn, William Wardwell Engineers
H. Howell, Charles J. Clark, Ezra Nelson, Nathaniel Appointed.
Washburn, Thomas B. Warren, John Green, Junior, Henry
Towle, Peter C. Jones, Thomas E. Williams and George H.
Wilkins were nominated and appointed Assistant Engi-
neers of the fire department. and Assistants Concurred.
Came up Concurred.

271. Application of Caleb Loring, Junior to be appointed weigher of coals and lighters. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Adams The Committee on the Petition of Simeon P. Adams, for leave to construct arches under the sidewalk, reported, that leave be granted, on condition that the work be done at the expense of the Petitioner, and to the satisfaction of the Committee removable at the pleasure of the said. Read and accepted.

Eddy for Pond Crop Mrat The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Caleb Eddy in behalf of Mrs Elizabeth Pond have had the same under consideration and beg leave to submit the following statement. It is well known that this Board are accustomed to widen and improve the narrow and crooked streets of the City, according to plans which in many instances are prospectively made and are kept on file for the purpose of enabling future boards of Aldermen to pursue the course which has been deemed upon reflection advisable, whenever an opportunity occurs by the taking down, or important alteration of any building on a street, thus prospectively widened, it becomes the duty of the owner receiving the notice of such intended alteration of a building to take such part of the land, as may be necessary to carry the plan into effect. This course has been pursued from a due regard to economy, as it saves the cost of the whole foundation, and retaining the buildings on the ground, and is a course which the Committee

believed to be strictly just, legal and expedient.... About ten years ago a plan was adopted for widening Prospect street, which has remained in the office ever since, and as there is scarcely a street in the city which it is more important, for the safety and convenience of the inhabitants" to make more commodious, it cannot be denied that the plan was adopted for good & sufficient reasons, and improvements have since been made from time to time, in conformity with it. Notice was received here, some time since, of the intention of the proprietor of the corner lot on Ann street, to rebuild or alter the tenement thereon, and in conformity with the legal power and established custom of this board, an order was passed, on the recommendation of the committee on laying out and widening streets, taking from that estate so much land as was necessary to widen the street, agreeable to the plan and description given. It seems that this operation was not acceptable to some of the parties interested in the property in question, and in consequence the extraordinary document which has been referred to your committee was presented to the board.. This memorial objects to the resolve calling on the land to widen Prospect street for three reasons, of which the first is the want of petition, to widen the widening.. The law authorises the board to take land from any estate, whenever in their opinion the safety and convenience of the inhabitants may require it.. The second objection is the want of notice to the parties interested.... All the requisite notice has been

your committee since the widening of the original part of the street by yard wide, and the filing of the plan according to which future operations were intended to be conducted. The third reason urged in the memorial is one, which the committee feel reluctant to speak of in one which they cannot regard with that indifference which would be the most becoming mode of treating a charge which has no greater weight than the one in question. It is a direct accusation of interested motives, or in other words of gross corruption in a member of the Committee on laying out and widening streets. The other objections were remarkable as coming from a person who for several years was a member of this board, & can only be accounted for by forgetfulness of the course of business here, but the last implies an oblivion of more important things, of that conduct which is due to well established character, for integrity, honor and fidelity to the dictates of duty, of that courtesy which is due from man to man, of that fairness which is essential in making up an opinion on the acts of a public officer. Your committee cannot suppress a feeling of wonder and regret that a gentleman of such established character should at this board. A charge too grossly to be taken by so candid & unwarrantable an attack. They think he would have failed in his duty, if he had not done precisely as he did, if he had not voted to carry into effect a plan, devised & which he had any power to prevent all upon such questions, and in this, as in all other matters in regard

to which they have had the pleasure of being associated J. J. H.
with him, they think his course has been entirely correct.
Some suggestions are made in the memorial upon other
points, as that the Street does not require widening,
and that the City does not take any thing from the
Lot they have recently purchased, adjoining that of
Mrs Jones... If the memorialist is of opinion that the
Street does not need widening, the Committee cannot
but think he must be almost alone in that opinion,
and care will undoubtedly be taken by the City, that
the building on their estate shall be taken down and
that part of the Street also widened, in conformity with
the plan long before the memorial shall be so arranged
as to avoid the appearance of the encroachment that
on the Jones estate has done, that it will fall upon their
heads... In conclusion the committee would recom-
mend that the memorialist have leave to withdraw.
For the Committee Samuel Quincy.

Read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was committed the Public Scales
and the Public Scales, have attended to that duty, and
ask leave to report; That they have found both of them
to be very imperfect; that the same weights weighed in
different parcels, would not produce the same result:
that equal weights placed in different parts of the
Beam did not weigh alike, and that the inaccuracies
were so serious that they ought no longer to be neglected.
They have reason to believe that the plan on which the

The Scales are constructed in such a manner as scarcely to admit of perfect accuracy; and they are confirmed in this opinion by the fact that Mr. Dennis who made them, has had repeated directions to put them in as perfect condition as he could, and that he has recorded them in good order. That condition is however very far from being satisfactory to the committee; and they think the City should not knowingly be liable, for a moment, to the charge of using false weights. They therefore recommend that the platform balances now in use be removed, and that they be empowered to replace them by such others as they may ascertain to be accurate. For this purpose they offer the following order. For the committee Samuel A. Eliot. Ordered. That the committee on the public scales be authorized and empowered to cause the present balances to be removed, and others to be put in their place; provided it can be done at an expense not exceeding $300 for each balance. The above report and order was read at a meeting of the board of Aldermen on the 7th instant, and recommitted to the same committee for further consideration, and they now further report; that having in conformity with the instruction of the board re-examined their report, are unable to perceive that it requires any essential alteration. It is merely the exception of the opinion, and as they propose an important measure, it is necessary for them to state fully and clearly the grounds upon which they recommend it. If they did not believe that the plan of the construction of the present scales was a bad one, they

would recommend that they be put in repair. But 376.
sincerely thinking them essentially wrong, it would be useless
any longer to attempt to amend what cannot after all
be made accurate. It is doing no injustice to the manu
facturer to state a deliberate opinion and it would be
injustice to others to conceal it. They therefore have
instructed me to renew the report and order without
material alteration. For the Committee Sam'l A. Eliot.

Read and accepted.

Resolved; That the safety and conven- Salem Street
ience of the Inhabitants require that Salem Street be Widened
widened and the same is hereby widened by taking a cer
tain piece of land from the estate of the heirs of Ben
J. Wells
jamin deceased and bounded as follows viz. Beginning
at a point in the easterly side of Salem Street at the
northwesterly corner of a brick house on the adjoining
premises; and thence running westerly by said Salem
Street three feet and eight inches; thence running north
again by said Street four feet and three inches thence run
ning southeasterly by a curving line six feet and two inches
to the point of beginning at the corner of said brick house
containing six and a half square feet.

The Committee on Laying out and wid- Ballard
ening Streets to whom was referred the Claim of Daniel Ebert the
Ballard for land taken [illegible] Street have considered the same and recommend the
passage of the following order viz. Ordered, That the

2JJ ... paid to Daniel Packard, on or before the 5th Oct. next the sum of ten hundred and fourteen dollars, in full for five hundred and seven feet of land taken from his estate to widen Clark Street, on his giving a good and sufficient deed of the same and releasing the City from all damages he may have sustained, by making said improvement. Read, accepted and the Order passed.

Cordis & Adams Derne Street

... Committee on laying out and widening Streets to whom was referred the claims of Thomas Cordis and Benjamin Adams for land taken to widen Derne Street, have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend the passage of the following order viz:

Ordered. That there be paid to Thomas Cordis and Benjamin Adams, on or before the 5th day of September next, the sum of ten hundred and eighty three dollars 100 in full for four hundred & thirty three feet and six inches of land taken to widen Derne Street, on their giving a good and sufficient deed of the same, and for all damages they may have sustained by widening said Street, and expenses incurred in setting back an old building or building to the line of the Street.

Read, accepted and the order passed.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock P. M.

of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday
the twenty first day of August A.D. Anno Domini 1855.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen ex
cept Alderman Wetmore.

Petition of Baron Bancroft, and others, Bancroft
to have the new part of Pearl Street paved and repaired. Pearl Street
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Jacob Bacon, and others, Bacon
to have Williams Street paved. Referred to the Com Williams Street.
mitee on Paving.

Petition of Edward Tuckerman, pray- Tuckerman
ing that a passage way leading from Suffolk to Tremont
Street may be raised and effectually to secure the sewer
in the same, and that a suitable fence may be made between
the land of the City and that of the Petitioner at that
place, the Petitioner being willing to bear one half of
the expense. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of John W. Loring for leave Loring
to take water from a well in Myrtle Street. Refer-
red to the committee on Paving with full power.

Ordered, that there be paid to George C. Shattuck
C. Shattuck Junior, the sum of sixty two dollars, and fifty cents for
fifty cents for

279 eight rod of land taken from his estate to widen Hanover Street, on his giving a good and sufficient deed of the same, and releasing the City from all damages.

Thomas Faneuil Hall

The Committee on the Petition of Eliza C. Thomas and others for the use of Faneuil Hall on the 28th inst. reported that it was found impracticable to comply with the request, in consequence of the exhibition for the fair of the Mechanic Association in October. Read and accepted.

Engine No 1. Reservoirs—

Report recorded at large in appendix after page 419.

The Committee on the fire department, to whom was referred the petition of Franklin Snow and others, and the communication of the City Engineer upon the removal of Engine No 1. from its present location made a report, which was read and ordered to be laid on the table and printed in the newspapers in which the ordinances of the City are published.

Deputy City Marshal.

The nomination of Thomas C. Wilkie, as deputy marshal, was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

Brighton and Everett Street

Ordered, that the owners of estates abutting on Brighton & Everett Streets where the side walks are not paved, be notified to cause the same to be paved with bricks or flat stones, within twenty days.

House of Correction

The Committee to whom was referred the account of the Overseers of the House of Correction &c.

the quarter ending the 30th of June last ordered, that 280
they have examined the same and find them correct
by cash and well vouched. Read and accepted.

Petition of S. Benjamin & others, to have West Cedar Street accepted. Referred to the committee on Streets. Benjamin
West Cedar Street

The Directors of the House of Reformation made their annual Statement of the receipts and expenditures of that institution. Referred to the committee on the House of Reformation & sent down for Concurrence. House of
Reformation

Petition of John C. Dexter, for an extension of time for the payment of his notes given to the City for lands purchased of the City. Referred to the Committee on Public lands. Sent down for Concurrence. Came up concurred. Dexter

The Committee on the Watch to whom was referred the Petition of Aaron Ordway and others, for a watch to be established at East Boston Report that they are of opinion, that a watch ought to be established at East Boston, and ask leave to state, that a suitable room can be obtained for fifty dollars per year, and they offer the following Order viz. Ordered that a watch not exceeding four in number be established at East Boston, and the Committee on the watch be authorized to hire a suitable room at a cost not exceeding fifty dollars per annum. Ordway
East Boston
Watch

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twenty eighth day of August in the year of our Lord 1854.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen, except Alderman Wetmore.

Eliot School House

The Mayor communicated a report of the school committee who reported an order that application be made immediately to the City Council for a new school house for the accommodation of the Eliot School which was read, and together with the petition of Edmund May and others, praying, that a new house may be built for said school, were referred to the committee on Public buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred in common Council, and referred to the Committee on public instruction, with such as the board of Aldermen might join. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and the committee on Public buildings on the part of this board is joined.

Mortgaged Lands.

Communication from the City Solicitor, stating that there appears to be no provision made authorizing the Superintendent or any other Officer to take possession of lands mortgaged to the City, in case where the mortgage remains unpaid; and it becomes necessary to foreclose them by Judgement of Court or otherwise. Which together with the ordinance concerning Mortgages of real estate made to the City of Boston, refer-

ed to the Mayor, Aldermen Tennant and Wilmarth to consider and report.

Petition of Ezra Trull, to have a cess pool repaired & removed at the bottom of Ivers Street near by at the corner of Merrimac Street. Referred to the Committee on drains. Trull.

Petition of Primary School Committee District No 6. praying, that a lot of land may be purchased by the City, and a School house built thereon, for a School in said district. Referred to the Committee on Public lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Referred in Common Council to the Standing committee on Public instruction with such as the board of Aldermen might join to consider and report. Read and concurred and the committee on public buildings is join on the part of this board. Primary School District &c.

Petition of Samuel Welles to be paid for land taken to widen Washington Street on the corner of Franklin Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Welles

Communication from Clinton Roosevelt concerning an instrument called a Torpedo, by him constructed for blowing up buildings in case of a fire. Referred to the Committee on the fire department. Roosevelt

The following orders were made and the Board adjourned

ferred to the Committee on drains and Sewers viz:-
Ordered, that the Superintendent of Common Sewers
cause the cut let of the Sewer at the bottom of Mount
Vernon Street to be cleared, and the drain extended
so as to abate the nuisance complained of by the abuttors
on said Street.

Ramsdell
Fuller Street.

The Committee on paving to whom was refer-
red the Petition of Reuben Ramsdell, and others, to have
the paving in Fuller Street, continued, reported that
it is inexpedient to continue the same at present.
Read and accepted.

Nelson
Fulton Street

The Committee on paving to whom was
referred the Petition of Nelson Nelson, and others,
to have the paving in Fulton Street continued, reports
that it is inexpedient to continue the same at present.
Read and accepted.

Wells
Vernon Street

Ordered, that there be paid to Lydia
Wells the sum of thirteen dollars, in full for two and one
half feet of land from her estate to widen Vernon Street,
on her giving a good and sufficient deed of the same and
releasing the City from all damages.

Federal and
Atkinson Streets

Ordered, that the usual notice be given
to all persons interested in the Common Sewer, which
passes from the bottom of Federal Street to Atkinson St
to appear before this Board on Monday next, for 4 o'clock.

to be, and then cause, if any they know, why said street should not be repaired, and the expense thereof apportioned upon those who ought to be benefited thereby according to law.

Ordered, that the Committee on Paving and Repairs of Streets be authorized to cause Front Street between Bridge Street and Roxbury line, to be repaired and gravelled. Front Street

It having been represented to this Board that George H. Greene of said Boston, does by excessive drinking and idleness, so spend, waste and lavish his estate, as thereby to expose himself to want and suffering circumstances, and also the City to a charge for support and maintenance. And after the examination of divers credible witnesses under oath. It is thereupon Ordered, that a Complaint be made to the Judge of Probate, that a Guardian may be appointed for said Greene, according to law. Greene Spendthrift.

The Committee on the Petition of How and others, reported, an Order authorizing the Committee to cause such repairs to be made to Broadway as they may deem necessary. How Broadway.

Read and accepted.

Whitwell, Bond and Company were licensed Auctioneers Auctioneers, licensed, and their bond approved.

285. August 31. 1837. Isaac Walton, Esquire. was returned Member of the 4th Ward. No. came in accompanied by Mr Lincoln, and Common Council the Mayor administered to him the several oaths required by Law, to qualify him to take a seat in the Common Council.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'Clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the fourth day of September. Anno Domini 1837.

Present.

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen.

Chestnut Street

Ordered, that an order of Notice be issued returnable on Monday next, to all persons interested to shew cause if they can, why a Common Sewer should not be laid through Chestnut Street, to the Bay and the expense thereof assessed on all persons who shall be benefitted thereby.

Franklin and Atkinson Streets

Ordered, that the usual notice be given all persons interested in the Common Sewer that pass from or near the bottom of Franklin Street to Atkinson

street, to show cause why the same should not be re- 1886.
paired; and the expense of the same assessed accor-
ding to law.,

A message was received from the Common Council
Common Council announcing the death of Thomas Seals of Member
Esquire a member of that branch from Ward No. 1. Read
and thereupon Ordered, that a warrant be issued for
a meeting of the Inhabitants of said ward, on Monday
next 12 Oclock M. to fill said vacancy, and all other
vacancies which may exist in said ward.. The Polls to
be kept open until four Oclock P. M.

The Committee on the Memorial of Elis Roosevelt
lon Roosevelt, respecting a machine called a Hydrolo
be used to demolish buildings in case of fire, reported, that
it is impossible to determine, without inspection, the value
of the invention; and as the applicant has not neither
model nor drawing of the contrivance, they are unable
to judge even of the probability in respect to it.. They
therefore ask to be discharged from the further con
sideration of the subject.. Read and accepted.

Petition of F. Augusti, for a license Augusti
to exhibit in Long's Hall, feats of Legerdemain, and the
nocturnal illusions of Phantasmagoria.. Referred to the
Committee on Licenses with full power.

Ordered, that there be paid to Hon. Ward
Ward, the sum of three thousand dollars, in full for the Washington Hall

287. hundred and twenty four and two thirds feet of land taken from her estate to widen Washington Street on her giving a good and sufficient deed of the same, and for all damages she may have sustained and expended incurred in making the alterations rendered necessary in said house; by cutting off or setting back the front of said building for the purpose of widening said street, and also for materials and setting edgestones, and laying side walk in front of her estate.

Knight High Street

Ordered; That there be paid to Edward Knight on or before the first day of October next, the sum of eleven hundred and twelve dollars in full, for two hundred and seventy six feet of land taken from his estate to widen High Street on his giving a good and sufficient deed of the same and also for all damages he may have sustained by loosing the dimensions of a building cut off or set back to the front line of the street also for expenses incurred for materials and labor in making the alteration in said building.

Tuckerman

On the Petition of Edward Tuckerman to have a hatchway near Suffolk Street, raised and a fence erected at the joint expense of the City and the Petitioner Ordered that the Committee on paving cause the work to be done, as prayed for.

Dewey

Petition of M. B. Dewey to be paid the damages she has sustained in consequence of the alteration

in Somerset Street. / Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolved, that after monday next, this Licenses no new board will not grant any new licenses to Innholders, nor ones to be granted. Victuallers or Victuallers.

The quarterly account of moneys received & paid into the Treasury, by the Auditor of Accounts. quarter ending Came up from the Common Council. Read and filed.

Order of the Common Council instructing Register of deeds to attend the Committee on public buildings to examine the rooms & Vaults in which are kept the Office of the Register of deeds and to decide, for the information of said Committee whether fire proof agreeably to law. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Petition of Thomas Robinson for a permit to enter the Common Sewer in Washington Street, and for leave to construct arches under the side walk. Referred to the Committee on paving and the Superintendent of drains. Robinson

The Committee to whom was referred a draft of an ordinance authorizing the Superintendent of the public lands to take possession in behalf of the City, of real estate under certain circumstances, reports the same without alteration, as in their opinion an important improvement. They recommend that it be Mortgage

289. Ended. Read and accepted, and the ordinance entitled "An ordinance concerning Mortgages of real estate made to the City of Boston" having been read. Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up. Concurred.

Paupers Foreign

To the City Council,

Gentlemen, The unusual number of applications for aid from the suffering persons, who, in consequence of the calamity of the times, have been thrown out of their accustomed employment, induces me to address you on the subject, in the hope that your wisdom will devise, and your public spirit put in operation some means of alleviating the evil that exists. Although poverty and its attendant sufferings are more extended ~~sufferings are more extended~~ than common through the whole community, yet there is one class, it is manifest, upon whom they fall with greater severity than on others; while at the same time, the relief necessarily afforded to these, diminishes the dispensable amount for the benefit of persons who if not the most destitute, are undeniably in need of assistance. The class to which I allude is that of foreign residents who are without employment or resource. Any thing that can be devised for their relief, will produce a double benefit first to them, and indirectly to those of our own community. The act relating to Alien Passengers, passed at the last session of the Legislature provides that for each passenger, the master or some other person taken

and in the event, that the sum of two dollars, and the money so collected is to be paid into the City Treasury, to be appropriated as the City may direct for the support of foreign paupers. The 17th section of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes provides a mode by which foreign paupers may be conveyed, at the expense of the State to any place beyond sea where they belong, & the fund raised by the above provision would in cases in which the State has an interest, it would furnish the means of sending home a number of persons who are desirous of returning, and whom it would be clearly the interest both of the City and the Commonwealth to send to their native land, provided the City Council should see fit to appropriate it, or any part of it, to this object. I am not aware of any legal or other objection to this plan, and if it should appear expedient to the Council, I would recommend that such portion of the fund referred to as may be thought proper, should be placed at the control of the Mayor and Aldermen, or of any Committee of that board which may be appointed for the special purpose of sending to some place beyond sea, those foreigners who are chargeable as paupers to the Commonwealth. All which is respectfully submitted.

Samuel A. Eliot Mayor.

Referred in Common Council to Messrs Williams, Chapman & Sullivan, with such as the board of Aldermen may join, to consider and report. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Mayor, Aldermen Farnam & Wells were joined.

291. Petition of Thomas J. Shelton, and others,
Section to have the new part of Broad Street numbered... Referred
Broad Street to the Committee on Streets...

Adjourned to Monday next, 4
o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday, the eleventh day of September, Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen

Sweet & Dupee Petition of Sweet and Dupee, for leave to construct arches under the side walk... Referred to the Committee on Lamps...

Jackson Petition of Francis Jackson, and others, Union Street... to have a Street accepted leading from Washington to Front Street, and that the same be named Union Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Finance The Committee on Finance to whom was re-

ferred the Petition of R. G. Shaw, for the payment in 292.
specie of the interest due in certain Cts. held, report
ted, that they are of opinion, that the circumstances
of the Case are not such as would warrant such pay
ment.. They therefore report, that the Petitioner have
leave to withdraw his petition.. Read and accepted
Sent down for Concurrence.. Cancup concurred..

It appearing to this board, that notice Chestnut
has been given agreeably to the order passed at the last Street..,
meeting of this board, on the expediency of laying a com
mon Sewer through Chestnut Street to the River, and assess
ing the expence thereof, according to law upon those whose
Estate shall be benefitted thereby: And now Lincoln Braman
appears, and files a Remonstrance against laying said Sewer
as aforesaid.., Read and the whole subject was referred to
the Committee on drains and Sewers..,

Ordered, That an Order of Notice be Union Street
issued to all persons interested to appear on Monday
next, at 4 o'Clock P.M. and shew Cause, if any they have,
why the Common Sewer in Union Street should not be
taken up and relaid, and the expence thereof assessed
on all persons benefitted thereby,

The Superintendent of drains and Sewers, Elm Street
made an assessment upon the owners of the several Estates
connected with the Common Sewer in Elm Street.
Referred to the Committee on drains Sewers..

245. Petition of Henry Harvey Newbury for a
Harvey license to exhibit Wild beast, on Back bay below Charles
street on tomorrow. Referred to the Committee on
the Common, with full power.

Franklin to Hankinson Street

It appearing to this board, that notice has been given agreeable to the Order passed at the last meeting of this board, on the expediency of making and continuing the Common Sewer, from the bottom of Franklin Street, to Hankinson Street, and assessing the expense thereof upon those whose estates will be benefitted thereby according to law; And now no person appearing to object, it is thereupon Ordered, that the Committee on Drains and Sewers be authorized to lay said Sewer if they shall see fit.

Warren

finishes 4th

Ordered that there be paid to Mary Ann Warren, Mary Joanna Fitz, Samuel Fitz, Charles and Francis Merrill, Elizabeth Fitz, Benjamin Eustace Jane Sanborn the sum of two hundred & ninety dollars, & forty two cents, payable on the fifth day of October next, with interest from the twentieth day of April last being in full for all their right, title and interest in certain lands taken by the City for the laying out of Clinton Street, and for other purposes; Provided, that all the parties above named shall give to the City a good and sufficient deed of their interest in said land, and release the City from all damages they may have sustained in the premises.

The City Treasurer and Auditor of Accounts having certified that a bond signed by Charles Magnan whereby he became obligated to pay the City of Boston the sum of four hundred and five dollars; the payment of which was secured by mortgage, recorded with Suf folk deeds Lib. 385. fol. 298. has been fully paid, both principal and interest. Thereupon Ordered that the Mayor be authorized and requested to discharge said mortgage on the records. — Mortgage discharged

The Committee on the Petition of John F. Hobbins and others, to have the Watch increased at South Boston, reported that the watch therein equal proportion to that of the other parts of the City, and therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. — Read and accepted. Hobbins

Ezra Weston, Jun.r Esquire was nominated City Marshal and appointed City Marshal in place of Francis Parkman appointed Esquire, resigned. —

The Committee on the application of J. Augusti Augusti for a license to exhibit Phantasmagorie &c. at Con gress Hall reported that the same had been granted.

Read and accepted.

The Joint Committee, to whom was referred Alien passe the Communication of the Mayor respecting alien pas sers, have had the subject under consideration, and

295. ask leave to report, that in their opinion, the plan of
sending aliens (paupers) to the country they came from, is perfectly consistent with justice and with law, the statutes of this commonwealth having made express provision for this object. It will, also, be found, as the committee believe, the most economical mode of transferring those who might otherwise be a permanent burden on the community. They have ascertained also, in one instance, that there can be no obstacle opposed by the City, to which they may be sent. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following order, viz. Ordered, that the committee on the house of Industry, Correction & Reformation, or the part of the Board of Aldermen, with such as the Common Council may join, be authorized to send alien paupers to the Country from which they came, provided it can be done for an expense not exceeding ten dollars for each person so sent, and that the whole amount shall not exceed one half of the fund derived from the tax levied on alien passengers under the law of the Commonwealth passed 20th April last. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with amendment. Read and nonconcurred. The Common Council afterwards receded from its proposed amendment and concurred with the board of aldermen.

Brock

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Ephraim Brock and others Concerning

attended to the subject, and are of opinion that 1960.
the complaints against him are well founded, but
as that Officer was appointed for a year under a State
Law, they know of no power of removal in the board &
ask to be discharged from the further consideration
of the subject. Read and accepted

Adjourned to Monday next
four O'clock P. M.

At a special meeting of the board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Wednesday the thirteenth day of September A. D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, Aldermen Farnam, Wilmore, Hunting
and Wells.

Ezra Weston, Junior, Esquire, City Mar- City Marshal
shal, filed his bond, and took the oath of Office.

Ordered, that the City Marshal be Deputy City
authorized to appoint two deputies, Marshals

The City Marshal nominated Ezekiah Earl and Samuel C. Blake as his deputies which

297. Nomination was confirmed and they were appointed accordingly...

Common Council. September 18. 1837. Eleazer Trull, member elect of the Common Council, from Ward No. 1. appeared attended by Mr. Isaac Harris and the several Oaths required by Law were administered to him by the Mayor...

Adjourned to Monday next four Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the eighteenth day of September Anno Domini 1837.

Present.

The Mayor. Aldermen Wilmore, Gurney, Hunting, Quincy and Wells

House of Reformation

The Committee of Conference on the disagreement between the two boards respecting the allotment of land to the House of Reformation have been called to meet at four different times, without success. The Committee on the part of this board therefore ask to be discharged from further attention to the subject. Resolved, and said Committee was discharged accordingly.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be and 298.
he is hereby authorized to borrow under direction of the Fire dep't
Committee on finance, a sum not exceeding twenty five Treasurer to
thousand dollars, and that the same be added to the borrow money.
appropriation for the fire department... Passed in
Common Council... Came up for concurrence and
upon the question of passing said order in concur
rence with the Common Council; the yeas and nays
being called, were taken as follows viz: Yeas... The Mayor,
Aldermen Wetmore, Gurney, Hunting, Quincy and Wells 6-
nays none... So the same passed in concurrence as aforesaid.

The joint Committee on public lands to whom Dexter...
was referred the petition of John C. Dexter, requesting an
extension of time for the payment of certain notes held
by the City against him, reported that it inexpedient
to take any order upon the subject... Read and accepted
sent down for concurrence... Came in concurred...

The joint committee on public lands to Public lands
whom was referred the communication of the Superinten- Superintendent
dent requesting to be heard in regard to the true con-
struction of the 24th section of the order passed on the
28th of August, 1856. Report, that no action of the
City Council is necessary, the Superintendent having
the privilege to be heard upon the subject. Read and
accepted... Sent down for concurrence.
Came in concurred...

299.

Fulton Street

Ordered, that the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to notify the tenants occupying the buildings situated on that part of Fulton Street between Richmond Street, and the Street leading from Commercial Street and Union Street, to Lincoln Lewis's wharf to vacate the same within thirty days.

Common Sewers

The Superintendent of Sewers and drains returned a plan & estimate of common sewers on Cross Street Common Court and Elm Street. Read and accepted, and thereupon Ordered, that bills be made out by the Superintendent, to be delivered to the Treasurer for collection according to law.

Dover Street

Tuckerman.

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Common sewers be directed to make out a bill against Edward Tuckerman, Esquire for one half the expense of constructing a common sewer near Dover Street, according to the agreement of said Tuckerman, the whole expense of said sewer being thirteen hundred and twenty, three dollars and fifty three cents, and that said Superintendent cause the same to be collected according to the ordinance.

Harvey

Wild beasts.

The Committee on the Common on the Petition of Henry Harvey and others, for a license to exhibit Wild beasts on Charles Street, on Tuesday September 12th 1837 reported, that leave was granted them to exhibit as prayed for under certain restrictions which were complied with.

Accepted.

The Committee on the Petition of Solomon 300.
Piper and William W. Crease, that a common sewer be laid in Eppes Street, reported, that an order of notice in Eppes Street issued, returnable on Monday next 4 o'Clock P. M..

Read, accepted and Ordered accordingly.

Appearing to this board, that notice Union Street
has been given, on the subject of laying a common sewer
in Union street, several persons appeared and objected
to being assessed.., The board are of opinion, that it is
inexpedient to lay the sewer any further, than Bunn
Street and that the sewer be laid accordingly, and
the expense thereof assessed upon those whose estates
shall be benefitted thereby, according to law..

Petition of Josiah Knapp, and others, lowi Knapp
ton Peach Street.., Referred to the Committee on Streets. Peach Street

Petition of John Rose, and others, to have Rose
a Street accebled, and called South Cove Street.. Refer'd South Cove St.
to the Committee on Streets..

Memorial of Nathaniel Faxon, respecting Faxon
a suit commenced against him by Robert Brinley and
others, respecting land and rights of way the land being
sold to him by the City with warranty..

Petition of Solomon Piper & W. W. Crease Piper
to be paid for land taken from their estate to widen Eppes Street

301. Esq. Street ... Referred to the Committee on Streets.

"House of Industry and Reformation"

The Joint Committee who were appointed to consider the expediency of abolishing the Superintendent of the "House of Reformation for Juvenile offenders" by a concurrent vote of both branches of the City Government and also of fixing the salary of that officer, and the salary of the Superintendent of the "House of Industry" by the "City Council", have attended to the subject, and ask leave to report, that in their opinion, it is expedient that the salaries of the Superintendents of those two houses should be annually fixed by the City Council, in the same manner as the salaries of other City officers. This opinion is based upon the advantage to be found in uniformity of system with regard to expenditures of this kind, and the propriety of enabling the City Council to decide upon the circumstances which may render an increase or diminution necessary.

With regard to the appointment of the above named officers, the committee were guided by the opinion of the City Solicitor which accompanied this report and which they ask to have considered as part of it viz. That such appointment must be considered as incidental to the powers conferred on the directors of the houses, when not expressly conferred upon them and that therefore the appointment of Superintendent of the House of Reformation could scarcely be examined with propriety by the Council They ask leave to bring in the following order, Ordered, That after the current financial

year, the Salaries of the Superintendents of the houses 30 ?
of Industry and Reformation be fixed, like those of
other City Officers, by the City Council in the annual
Salary Bill. Passed in Common Council came up for
concurrence. — Read and concurred.

The joint Committee of the City Council Assessors
to whom was referred, the petition from the Board of
Assessors, praying that some Compensation may be allowed
them for collecting Statistical information, relating to va-
rious branches of Industry, have considered that subject and
Report; That the Committee find by an act of the
Legislature passed April 19. 1837. which requires that
the Assessors of each Town in the Commonwealth or such
persons as the Assessors may appoint shall between the
first day of May and the first day of October, make
returns to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, cer-
tain facts relating to the various branches of Industry, as they
existed in each Town on the first day of April 1837.
The Assessors finding that it would be inconvenient
for their Board to perform this duty, they have employed
two gentleman Messrs. Carlton & Smith to perform that
duty, which will probably employ them from thirty to
forty days. The petitioners therefore ask the City Council
to allow them such Compensation, as may be considered
just and reasonable in addition to the sum allowed by
the Commonwealth, which is only $1.25 per day. a sum
in the opinion of your Committee inadequate for the
payment for services of this kind. Your Committee

303. therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and ask leave to submit the following order. viz Ordered that there be allowed and paid to each of the two persons employed by the direction of the City, one dollar and twenty five Cents per day for each and every day they shall be employed in obtaining statistical information in compliance with an act of the Legislature passed April 7. 1857. and that the expenditure under this order be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and Miscellaneous Claims.. Passed in Common Council... Came up for concurrence... Read & concurred.

Wales and Beach Stud

Petition of Thomas B. Wales and others for land Beach Stud... Referred to the Committee on Wharves.

Fire department

Fire department, members of Engines No. 5 & 7, and Officers of Engines No. 7 & 15 nominated and appointed...

Fire department

Fire department, members of No. 3. 9 and 12 Referred to the Committee on the fire department...

Mayor's address. Police

To the City Council...

Gentlemen,

The events of the last few months, in this City and elsewhere, have shown, in the clearest manner, the importance, the necessity of being provided with prompt and efficient means of enforcing the laws, preserving the peace, and of arresting those who discover a disposition to violate either... If we are to

hold our lives and property at the mercy of the incendiary, the burglar, or the lawlessly violent, the advantages of civilized society are lost, the social bond is broken, and the state of things when every man's hand was against every man is revived ... The increasing amount of crime against society of the description above alluded to, increasing in a ratio more rapid than that of the population shows that there is a third evil abroad, which must be met by an exhibition of sufficient power to control it on the side of law and order, if we wish to preserve the value of our institutions, or show ourselves capable of that self-government which has been the pride of the nation. Whatever may be the case in other countries, it is manifestly improper that any insufficient or unjustifying cause should avail for popular violence in this, where republican institutions secure to every individual his just share in the government of the whole ... The laws are the expression, and the only true expression of the will of the majority, and he who violates, or attempts to violate them, by force, either alone, or in combination with others, not only commits a crime against them, but, at the same time, is guilty of treason against the constitution of his country ... He proves himself to be no republican, but setting his own will, or that of a few associates against that of the majority, he is unworthy of the protection he would refuse to those who differ from him ... But it is unnecessary to argue a point upon which all good citizens agree. The only question which shall have

the controlling power the laws and those who enforce them, or the offenders against law and order... There can be no doubt in which side the majority is to be found; but the means which that majority have heretofore used, for the defence of their rights of persons and property, seem to become, with the progress of time less efficient than is desirable... Offenders escape with impunity, and offences will consequently multiply, till life is rendered insecure, and the value of every possession is diminished...

With circumstances measures must be changed, and the amount and organization of police force which was sufficient for a small town, must be altered, with the course of events, to that which is essential for a large City... The police of this City has hitherto consisted of a small number of constables, and is rather adapted to circumstances as they were a half century ago, than as they exist at the present moment, and I deem it my duty to ask the aid of the City Council in organising a more efficient corps of police officers... I believe the time has arrived when those who are disposed to maintain law and order, and the fair fame of the City, must give their active personal exertions or must contribute a part of their substance to secure the value of the rest. Offences and crimes are of too frequent occurrence to be neglected, and those who are guilty of them are too numerous to be longer controlled by the means now at the disposal of the City Authorities. Something more is requisite; and I cannot feel a doubt as to the disposition of the Council to sustain the Council in any judicious efforts

to secure the peace and safety of the community. I do not forget that the civil Officer may, on emergency, call in the aid of the military arm; but I would the fact that much mischief may be done, before the formalities in bringing out a military force can be complied with, and that some outrage must actually have been committed to justify the call, there are many violations of law, not important enough to require military interference which could easily be prevented by a small number of men on the spot, but which cannot be remedied after they have been committed. The prevention of evil is far easier than the application of a remedy. For the services heretofore rendered by the Military, the community is grateful; but there can scarcely exist a doubt that a force which is more constantly on the alert, would be exceedingly useful in the matters of police which in every large City, require unremitting attention. To the formation and speedy organization of such a corps of police officers, or to the adoption of other measures which may seem to them more expedient, I invite the attention of the City Council, convinced that the difference which will be produced in it, in the comfort and safety of the citizens, will reconcile them to any reasonable expense which may be necessary for the object.

Samuel F. Vinton Mayor

Read and referred to the Mayor, Alderman Wilmer Gurney and Hunting, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report. Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concurred and the Common

307 Council joined on the part of Mess. Chairman, Bartlett, Isaac Harris, Crosscup and Loyalty.

Jury box

Ordered, That the subject of revising the Jury box, and selecting a list of persons liable and qualified to serve as Jurors in the several Courts be committed to the whole board; with instructions to report such lists conformable to law.—

Read & Ellis

Read & Ellis's lease of store under Faneuil Hall, and their assignment to Josiah F. Conant.— Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.—

Deputy Marshal qualified

Samuel H. Blake, deputy City Marshal appointed and took the oath of office which was administered to him by the Mayor.—

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twenty fifth day of September Anno Domini 1837.

Present—

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen, except Aldermen Farnam, Gurney and Quincy.

Music in schools

Order of the Common Council com-

relating the Report of the School Committee that in 1858.
Instruction in Vocal music be discontinued in the
Schools to the Committee on Public instruction with such
as the Board of Aldermen might join, to consider & report.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the
Mayor, Aldermen Gurney, Hayward and Huntington
joined.

Lists of persons selected to serve on the Petit Juries,
ries, from the several wards were laid on the table, and the
same were taken up and adopted.

The Superintendent of Sewers and drains Causeway & Cross
reported, assignments of sewers in Causeway & Cross Streets. Which sewers
accepted and thereupon Ordered, that the said Superi-
intendent make out the several accounts and lodge them
with the Treasurer for collection.

Ordered, that the western wing of the House of
building heretofore used as a House for the Reformation Correction
of Juvenile Offenders & Debtors be and the same is hereby
established as a house of Correction for the County of Suf-
folk, in addition to that now in use for that purpose.
Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.

Petition of D. Wright for leave to Wright
erect a building on land west of Charles Street.
Referred to the Mayor.

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Gray. Petition of Horace Gray, for the use of land west of Charles Street, for a public garden... Referred to the Committee on the Common with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report... Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council may join, to consider and report... Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Mess^rs Crosvenor, Seaton, Lincoln and Raymond...

Deluce Streets South Boston... Memorial of John Deluce, respecting Mather Wilkinson's plan and the location of the streets South Boston, and the monuments designating the same... Referred to Aldermen Belmore and Richardson...

Hale Ringing bells Petition of P. C. Hale, to change the hours for ringing the bells in the morning during the months of October and April... Referred to the Committee on Bells and Clocks...

Atwill... Petition of Ebenezer Atwill to be discharged from the Jail limits... Referred to the Committee on the Jail &c...

Bruce Petition of Rufus L. Bruce to be paid the damage he has sustained, in consequence of taking part of the estate whereof he is lessee, to widen Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets...

Petition of Jacob Hall and others, to have Salem Street widened, near Prince Street ... Refer'd Hall to the Committee on Streets. Salem Street

Petition of George Parkman, and others, to have a Common Sewer laid in Hanover Street ... Referred Parkman to the Committee on drains and Sewers. Hanover Street

On the Petition of Solomon Piper and W. H. Crease, to have a Common Sewer laid in Essex Street, and the expense thereof assessed upon those whose estates shall be benefitted thereby according to law ... And now it appearing to this board that notice has been given according to the order passed at the last meeting, and no one appearing to object, it is thereupon Ordered, that the Committee on drains and Sewers be authorized to construct such Sewer if they shall deem it expedient. Piper & Crease Essex Street ...

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the second day of October Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen except Alderman Parkman.

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Davenport

The joint committee to whom was referred the petition of Linus Davenport, for relief and a resolution reported, that as the petitioner brings forward no claim, the City Council has no power to act in the premises. They therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Lists of voters

The assessors returned lists of voters in the several wards; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

License revoked

Ordered, That the license granted to John Keating as a victualler at No 155 Broad Street be and the same is hereby revoked.

Etheridge Johnson School House

Memorial of Mary Etheridge concerning her land, on which she says an encroachment has been made by the erection of the Johnson School house. Referred to Aldermen Hayward & Hunting.

Registers of Probate & Deeds.

The joint committee who were appointed to examine the Offices of the Registers of Deeds and Probate, reported that they had examined them, and found them both to be in good & orderly condition and they ask to be discharged from the further attention to the subject. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Committee on the Petition of John M. 312.
Dearborn reported, that there be allowed him two dollars Dearborn
for watering around City Hall the past season.
accepted.

The Superintendent of drains and sewers Concord Street
reported the expense of constructing the common sewer Sewer.
in Concord Street, and assessing George Jackson his pro
portion of the expense of the same. Read and accepted
and thereupon Ordered that said Superintendent make
out a bill and lodge it with the Treasurer for Collection.

The Superintendent of drains & sewers, Corn Court
reported the expense of constructing the common sewer Sewer.
in Corn Court, and making an alteration of the former
assessment. Read & accepted; and thereupon Ordered, that
said Superintendent make out bills of the same and lodge
them with the Treasurer for collection.

Petition of Hezel Ames, & others, to have Hezel
the entrance to common sewer in Bennett street altered. Bennett Street.
Referred to the Committee on drains & sewers.

The Committee on the Jail & Jail Yard Atwill
was referred the Petition of Ebenezer Atwill, to be discharg
ed from the Jail Limits, reported, that they have reason
to believe that he is able to discharge his debt to the City,
and they ask to be discharged from the further considera
tion of the subject. Read and accepted.

313.

Nuisances &c

The Committee on Internal health reported the Ordinance to repeal in part an ordinance prescribing rules and regulations rules and regulations, relative to nuisances and sources of filth in the City of Boston passed Oct^r - 1833., Read & passed. Sent down for concurrence., Non Concurred in the Common Council.,

Johnson Dover Street

Petition of Abijah S. Johnson to have Dover Street raised., Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Robinson Washington St.,

The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Robinson for leave to construct arches under the side walks in Washington Street, reported that the same be granted, on condition that the work be done at the expense of the Petitioner and to the satisfaction of the Committee removable at the pleasure of this board.,

Read and accepted.

Sweet & Dupee Temple Street

The Committee on the Petition of Sweet & Dupee for leave to construct arches under the side walk in Temple Street, reported, that the same be granted, at the expense of the Petitioners and the work to be done to the satisfaction of the committee, removable at the pleasure of this board., Read & accepted.,

Loring estate

The Committee on public lands to whom was referred the order of the City Council of the sixth of June last instructing them to consider and report on the expediency of purchasing the estate known as the Loring

estate situated on Court Street near the new Court House and to ascertain the price at which it may be purchased; and also whether any part of the same will be paid for by any person benefited by such purchase; have attended to the duty assigned them and Report. The first inquiry suggested in the order is whether it is expedient for the City to purchase the estate above named. Perhaps it may not be generally known that the rear of the new Court House stands in a passage way only about thirteen feet wide between the building and the easterly line of the estate proposed to be purchased, and should the present proprietor see cause to erect substantial buildings on said line three or four stories high (a supposition by no means improbable) it must be manifest to every one that the light and air will be very much obstructed, and residences after having incurred an expense of at least $1,500. exclusive of land, in erecting a spacious, substantial and elegant building, sufficient to accommodate all the Courts both City and County, and all the other arrangements made to correspond with the magnitude of the edifice, and thus to mar the symmetry of the whole, merely to save the expense of purchasing a sufficient quantity of land to complete the same (unless it were to be purchased at a very great sacrifice) would in the opinion of your Committee be derogatory to the City Council. — The second enquiry is to ascertain the price at which the estate can be purchased. Perhaps it may be proper to remark that the estate, until recently has been held by Francois Xavier

315 in trust for the heirs of the late Joseph Loring deceased and Josiah Marshall as tenants in common, but lately a partition has been made as appears by a plan which accompanies this report, giving said Loring 4262 2/100 square feet since the partition Mr Loring made a communication that he would take $20000 for the lot, which is at the rate of $4.69 cents and a fraction per foot. The last enquiry is to ascertain whether any portion of the rent will be paid by any person benefited by the purchase. Your Committee are not aware that any person will be materially benefited by the purchase except Mr Marshall, and we feel willing to declare as our opinion, that if Mr Marshalls estate should be brought on to such an avenue as the City would probably order; if the Loring estate should be purchased giving him a front of nearly 200 feet; it would enhance the value of his estate at least one third. However, after many interviews with Mr Marshall upon the subject, he came to no definite conclusion only that "he should always be willing to do right in the case", for the purpose of testing the views of the City Council upon the subject they recommend the adoption of the following order, viz: Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase that part of the estate known as the Loring estate which has recently been assigned to Francis C. Loring in trust for the heirs of the late Joseph Loring deceased, provided it can be obtained at a price not exceeding four dollars 69/100 per square foot. Read, ac-

copied, and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. 316.

The Joint Committee obtained to consider "Gray and report on the subject of the Petition of Grace Sands" most of them for the use of the Sands most of whom were Shareholders that have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report, that they are not aware of any objection to the lands being used for the purpose the petitioner has in view, viz: the laying out of a yard, provided no obstacle be put in the way of the City, in case any other use of those lands should be deemed advisable and they believe the public will be gratified by seeing that vacant spot converted into an agreeable resort without expense. They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, on the following conditions, viz: that the position & quantity of the land to be used shall be designated by the Committee on public lands; that the petitioner and no person shall remove all their property from the place whenever the Mayor and Aldermen shall require, receiving nine months notice of such requisition; that no building shall be erected within the limits assigned; the highest part of which shall be more than fourteen feet above the level of Charles Street. For the Committee, Samuel A. Eliot. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Recommitted vide proceedings Nov 6 1848 page 355.

Adjourned to monday next 4 o'clock P.M.

317. At a special meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the [illegible] day of [illegible] Anno Domini 18[illegible].

---Present---

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen, except Alderman Richardson.

Custom House. Memorial of the Commissioners of the United States appointed to select a site and build a Custom House, stating that they have purchased a site for a Custom house and land for suitable streets around it. The latter has been conveyed to the City of Boston. Ordered, that all that part of the Boston Pier or Long wharf and Broad Cabin, Mail and Central wharf, now completed, which is mentioned in a conveyance made to the City of Boston by the Proprietors of said wharves and dated August 29. 1837. be and the same are accepted and laid out as public streets or highways.

[illegible] Petition of the Commissioners of United States on the erection of Custom House, praying that [illegible] may be carried into the Boston [illegible] Long wharf and Central wharf, may be carried out in different directions from their present courses, at the expense of the United States and to the acceptance of the Mayor and Aldermen according to the plan therewith submitted, - Also that leave may be granted them to open the streets for the construction of said sewers and also to close such parts of the said streets to public travel as

may be necessary during the time occupied in building 318.
Sand drains or sewers.. Referred to the Committee on
drains and sewers with full power..

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock

C. C. H.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen
of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday
the ninth day of October, Anno Domini 1837.

---Present....

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen except
Aldermen Farnam, Wetmore and Richardson..

Petition of Purchase Street Congrega- Purchase Street
tional Society for damages in consequence of raising the Congregational
elevation of Pearl Street, between ~~Hanover~~ Purchase, and Broad Sts Society
Referred to the Committee on Streets..

Petition of Thomas Robinson, to be Robinson
paid for land taken to widen "Washington Street.. Refer- Washington
red to the Committee on Streets Street

Petition of E. Harrington & others, Harrington
to have South Cedar Street accepted, from Pleasant, to South Cedar
to Church Street.. Referred to the Committee on Streets Street..

City

Jacobs Petition

Petition of F. H. Jacobs, to be paid the damage he has sustained in taking the shop occupied by him, for widening Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Washington Street

Hollis Front Street

Petition of Arnold A. Hallett in behalf of Eben Hollis and others that the common sewer in Front Street may be extended southerly as far as the block of brick buildings lately erected on said Street. Referred to the Committee on Drains and Sewers.

Hollis Front Street

Turnpike St.

The Committee on the Petition of Eben Hollis & others, for a common sewer be made from the one now building in Fourth Street, along Turnpike Street to the Free bridge, reported, that an order of notice be issued, returnable on monday next four o'clock P.M. Read, accepted and ordered accordingly.

Parkman Wilson Street

The Committee on the Petition of George Parkman and others, to have the common sewer repaired in Wilson street, reported, that an order of notice be issued, returnable on Monday next, at four o'clock P.M. Read, accepted and ordered accordingly.

Sudbury Street Sewer

The Superintendent of drains and sewers made a report of the assessment for constructing a common sewer in Sudbury Street. Read accepted and thereupon ordered, that Superintendent make out bills of the same and lodge them with the Treasurer for collection.

Order of the Common Council, referring 320.

the report of the Committee, with the documents accompanying the same, on the petition of Amasa Worth, and new division of the ward, for a new division of wards of the City, and that South Boston may be established a ward by itself to the Committee who have under consideration the revision of the City Charter... Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

The Committee to whom was referred the House of Reformation memorial of the Directors of the House of Reformation praying for certain repairs, reported, that such repairs as were considered necessary by the committee, have been directed... Passed in Common Council... Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Order of the Common Council authorizing the Treasurer, with the approbation of the committee on finance to employ such assistant clerks as in the judgment of said committee be necessary to facilitate the collection of the taxes of the current year, and that the amount be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and miscellaneous claims... Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Treasurer

Ordered, that there be paid to Christian Baker, on the fifth day of November next, the sum of one hundred dollars, in full for one hundred and nine square feet of land taken from her estate, to widen

Baker

321. Washington Street, on his giving a good and sufficient deed of the same, and releasing the City from all damages by widening the limits of the Street, & any other injury which may have been occasioned by widening said Street.

Wells Washington Street

Ordered, that there be paid to Samuel Wells on the eighth day of November next the sum of two hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents, in full for one hundred and forty square feet of land taken from his lot, to widen Washington Street, on his giving a good and sufficient deed of the same, and releasing the City from all damages the widening of said Street may have occasioned his lot, and all demands he may have on John Collamore, Junior, on account of a lease of said premises.

Moulton Prince Street

Petition of Thomas Moulton, for leave to make arches under the side walk in Prince Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hammond Ward room (No 5)

Petition of Nathaniel Hammond, & others, to have the room in the Court House, Leverett Street, prepared for a ward room, for ward No 5. Referred to the committee on public buildings.

Sargent

Petition of G. T. Sargent, for the use of the Primary School room, Pitts Street, for Public worship, and a Sabbath school, under the direction of the Ministry at large. Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.

Petition of John Keating, that the 322.
vote revoking his license as a victualler in Broad Stat Keating
may be reconsidered. Referred to the committee on li-
censes.

Petition of Wm. H. Carr in behalf of Carr
the Proprietors of the National gallery, for a license to
exhibit Paintings, &c. now at a building on Union Stat.
Referred to the Committee on licenses.

Memorial of C. F. Barnard, and others Barnard
in behalf of the Society for Prevention of Pauper Lunacy
ism, that an agent may be appointed to attend to that & Pauper
subject, and that a School may be established for Chil-
dren of eight years of age and upwards, who are not qualified
to enter the public grammar Schools. Referred to Alder-
men Turney, Belmore & Wells, with such as the Common
Council may join to consider and report. Joint Committee
concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council
joined on its part Messrs Grant, Gould, Pratt, Haskell
and Edwards.

Calvin Bailey, Superintendent of Alien Alien Passengers
Passengers account. Referred to the Committee on accounts. Superintendent
Sent down for concurrence. of
Came up concurred.

Petition of Josiah F. Cooke, to the Court Cooke.
of Common Pleas for Partition of Land in Westerly and
the Island & Contingent remainder. Referred to the Ju-
diciary.

Gray Land west of Gray Charles Street

The Joint Committee appointed to consider and report on the subject of the Petition of Grace Gray for the use of the lands west of Charles Street, have had the same under consideration & ask leave to report, that they are not aware of any objection to the lands being used for the purpose the petitioner has in view, viz.t: the laying out of a garden, provided no obstacle be put in the way of the City, in case any other use of those lands should be deemed advisable, and they believe the public will be gratified by seeing that vacant spot converted into an agreeable resort without expense. They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, on the following conditions, viz.t that the position and quantity of the land to be used shall be designated by the Committee on public lands, that the petitioner and her agents shall remove all their property from the place whenever the Mayor and Aldermen shall require, receiving six months notice of such requisition, that no building shall be erected within the limits assigned, the highest part of which shall be more than fourteen feet above the level of Charles Street. For the Committee Sam.l A. Eliot.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, recommitted with instructions, to report an order containing proper limitations and restrictions so as to protect the rights and interest of the City, and provided it shall not impair the Contract existing between the City and the Mill dam Corporation or water power Company. Came up for concurrence:

Read & Concurred.

The Joint Committee who were appoin 324.
ed to consider the resolve of the Joint Committee on Music re-
questing an appropriation for the purpose of trying the Schools,
experiment of introducing instruction in vocal music
into the grammar schools of this City, have attended
to the subject, and ask leave to report, That they have
had two meetings, in which the matter was freely discuss
ed and on each occasion the opinions of the members pres
ent were equally divided: as to the expediency of the
grant.... The grant sum or any other sum or sums,
amounting to only $110. for each school; but as a majority
was not obtained in Committee, in favor of the grant,
they request to be discharged from the further consider
ation of the subject.... For the Committee Sam. F. Hall
Accepted in Common Council Came up for concurrence
Read & concurred.

The Committee to whom was referred a Weston South
proposed order of this Board, providing that the Superin- bridge.
tendent of the Weston South Bridge, cause the draw
of said Bridge closed on the Sabbath days and on
Fast and Thanksgiving days, at certain hours.— Reported
a reference of the subject to the Committee now having
under consideration the revision of the City Charter
Read and accepted, sent down for concurrence
Came up & concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock
P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the seventh day of October, Anno Domini 1837.

---Present---

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen except Alderman Quincy.,

Collier

Petition of William Collier, a minister to the Poor, for the use of the Court room Leverett St. for Public worship., Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.,

Dennison

Petition of Amos Dennison, and others, for the use of the Primary school room in Tremont Street, for Public worship., Referred to the Committee on Public buildings.,

Coughlin Washington Street

Petition of M. H. Coughlin, for damage in taking her premises to widen Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.,

Osborn Washington Street

Petition of Catharine M. Osborn for damage in taking her land to widen Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.,

Representation number to be sent.

A Message was received from the Common Council proposing a Convention of the two branches of the City Council, on Thursday evening next, at eight o'clock in the Chamber of the Common Council for the purpose

of determining the number of Representatives which 326.
it is expedient for the City to send to the next General
Court.. Read and thereupon ordered that a message
be sent to inform the Common Council that the Board
of Aldermen concur in their proposition to form
a Convention, at the time & for the purpose above
expressed..

A message was received from the Common Nuisances
Council, that they had non concurred in the ordinance
to repeal in part an ordinance prescribing the rules
and regulations relative to nuisances, sources of filth
and causes of sickness, within the City of Boston..

Petition of Isaac Smith, for a license Smith.
to exhibit a collection of Statuary at Union Hall in Ha-
ion Street.. Referred to the committee on licenses..

The Superintendent of drains and sewers Sewers
filed an assessment of the cost of constructing a common Sewer in North Street
sewer in North Street.. Read and accepted and thereupon
Ordered, that said Superintendent make out the several
bills, and lodge them with the Treasurer for collection..

Petition of David Coolidge, and others, Coolidge
contractors for night work for additional compensa-
tion.. Referred to the committee on internal health.

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Broad St. Ordered, that in consequence of the neg-
lect of certain proprietors to lay their side walks on the
east side of Broad Street agreeably to notice from the
Mayor and Aldermen, the Superintendent of Streets
is directed to cause the same to be laid forthwith un-
der the direction of the Committee on Paving.

North River Bridge. Ordered, that the committee on bridges
be instructed to inquire into the necessity of lengthen-
ing the piers of the North River bridge, and report
thereon.

Dock near Clay St. Ordered, that the committee on Inter-
nal Wealth be authorized to cause that part of the
dock belonging to the City, near the Ark Market to be
cleared out, and also, to erect platforms if they think
it expedient, for the better accommodation of vessels
and wharfage of gravel &c for the Citys use...,

Failure of Samuel Street. Ordered, that there be paid to John
Packard on the 15th day of November inst, the sum
of thirty two hundred and fifty dollars, in full for all the
land belonging to said estate lying west on Washington
Street between the front wall of said store as set back
in said Street as the same now is, on his giving a good
and sufficient deed of the same, and releasing the City from
all damages, and expenses, incurred in taking down
and rebuilding said store and for making all the
necessary alterations occasioned by widening said
Street...,

A list of the members of the fire depart- 328.
ment who have done duty, for one year ending on the first last
first day of May last. returned by the Chief Engineer. List of members
Thereupon Ordered. That a sum equal to the full pay,
be paid to each person borne on said list. Sent down for
concurrence. Came up concurred with amendments.
Read and concurred.

The Committee on the Petition of Boyes & others
Boyes for leave to alter the side walk in Salem Street. Report-
ed that it is inexpedient to grant the same. Read & accepted.

On the Petition of George Parkman and others
others to have the common sewer relaid in Blossom Street. Blossom Street.
And it appearing to this board that notice has been given
agreeably to the order passed at the last meeting, and now
several persons appear and object to being assessed for the
expense of the same; It is thereupon Ordered that
the Committee on Drains & Sewers be authorized to said
sewer to be laid as they shall deem expedient, and that
the expense thereof be apportioned upon those who
shall be benefitted thereby agreeably to law.

On the Petition of Timothy Sullivan & others
others for a drain or common sewer from the [illegible] North Street.
along Lynde Street to the [illegible] and it
appearing to this board that notice has been given to
all persons interested agreeably to the order passed at
the last meeting & no person appearing to object, it

329. is thereupon Ordered that the Committee on drains and sewers be authorized, to cause said sewer to be laid, if they shall deem it expedient and that the expense thereof be levied upon those whose estates shall be benefited thereby, according to law.

South Cove. Beach & Lincoln Streets.

The Committee on the Petition of the South Cove Corporation to have Beach Street and Lincoln Street accepted by said Corporation, accepted, the same having been completed agreeably to their condition & their bond to the City reported, that the work has been done according to agreement, and recommend that they be accepted. Read and thereupon, Ordered, that said Streets be accepted, as public Streets and highways accordingly.

Moulton

The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Moulton to make arches under the side walk, reported; that the same be granted, on condition that the work be done at the expense of the Petitioner and to the satisfaction of the committee removable at the pleasure of the board. Read & accepted.

Cabot.

The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Cabot in behalf of the proprietors of the National Gallery to exhibit paintings in said gallery in Union Street, reported; that the same be granted for one month from this day. Read and accepted.

Ordered; That the Committee on the Jails, House 530.
"House of Industry, Correction and Reformation" & Insane
be a Committee with full power to erect a hospital "Hospital
for the idiots & insane persons in the Houses of Industry
and Correction according to the plan reported by the
Committee on the Jails & provided the cost of the
same shall not exceeding the sum of $30,000. The fore
going Order having been read again, was amended to
wit; By inserting at "H" the words "and the Standing
Committee on the "House of Industry, Correction and Re
formation on the part of the Common Council" and by add
ing in continuation of said Order these words" and pro
vided that said Committee shall advertise three weeks
successively in the Daily Papers in which the City Ordi
nances are published, for proposals for the erection and
completion of said house, and to accept the lowest pro
posal from such person as shall in the opinion of
the Committee be qualified to perform the work and
will give sufficient bonds to do and finish the same
satisfactory to the Committee and provided that it
shall in the judgment of the Committee be more for
the interest of the City to accept said proposal than
to employ the inmates of the House of Correction to
do the work. The following order was then appended
Ordered; That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow
under the direction of the Committee on Finance an
amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars to meet
the expenditure authorized by the preceding order. And
the question being taken in the Common Council it was

331. and Nays on the passage of said order it passed in concurrence as amended. Read and concurred, and on the question of passing the Order, the yeas and nays being required, by the rule of the City Council were taken as follow. viz yeas Aldermen Furnan, Fitmore, Gurney, Howard, Hunting, Wells and Richardson. No the same passed in concurrence with the Common Council.

Catherwood

The Committee on the Common to whom was referred the petition of F. Catherwood for leave to keep the building erected by him for the exhibition of a panorama in the place it now occupies for another year, have attended to the duty, and direct me to report. That the building was erected in May last, with the express agreement that it should be removed in November. In consequence of this understanding the neighbors made no complaint of it although in size & height it does not conform to the requisitions of the Law in relation to wooden buildings. Under these circumstances, and considering the dangerous character of the building, the committee are of opinion that it will be expedient to the original agreement, and require the building to be removed in November For the committee, Samuel A. Eliot.

Read & accepted.

City Charter

The joint Committee who were instructed to revise the City Charter, and prepare a new draft thereof

of which shall contain all the amendments they may deem desirable, and to report said draft in sufficient season for the action of the Municipal Council at the next Municipal election, made a report which was read and said upon the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the City Council.

Adjourned to Thursday next, five minutes before 8 o'Clock P.M.

At a Special meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the eighteenth day of October A.D. 1837.

--Present--

The Mayor, Aldermen Farnam, Wilmore, Gurney, Quincy and Richardson.,

Ordered, that the Mayor be requested to draw his draft on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Overseers of the House of Correction for the sum of two thousand dollars, as an advance to said Overseers for the purpose of providing such tools and materials, and such other things, as may be required for the employment and safe keeping of the convicts in said House of Correction.

Adjourned to Thursday next, five minutes before 8 o'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the nineteenth day of October Anno Domini 1847.

Present,

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen, except Alderman Inman and Edmund.

Re Translation. Agreeably to Assignment the two Branches Number declared of the City Council met in Convention for the purpose determining upon the number of Representatives it was judicious for the City to send to the next General Court. The Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor of the second day of August last, whereon it appears that the City is entitled to send fifty six Representatives to the General Court, agreeably to the provisions of the amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth every year, for the next ten years, and an additional Representative, six years within the ten was read. Whereupon it was Resolved, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston in Convention assembled, that it is expedient for the City to send fifty six Representatives to the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

The business of the Convention being accomplished, the two Branches separated.

Adjourned to Monday next four O'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Aldermen 334.
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday
the twenty third day of October, Anno Domini 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen ex
cept Alderman Gurney.

Petition of Abner Kneeland, and others, Kneeland
praying that Salem Street may be accepted by the City, Salem Street
and that a Street be laid out from Cooper Street to
Salem Street not less than thirty feet wide. Refer
red to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of the Proprietors of Boston Pier
Pier or Long Wharf, praying, that the sidewalk on the
Northerly side of Commercial Street be altered so as
and in lieu that the Sewer be carried under the
of the same at the western end of the dock as near as possi-
ble to the end, and that the lamps be lighted, on their
said wharf at the expense of the City. Referred to the
Committee on Fire, drains and Lamps.

Petition of Nathaniel Vinal and Vinal
others, for leave to take water by suction in Pelham Street Pelham
opposite Sudbury Street. Referred to the Committee on Street
Paving.

Ordered of the Common Council Concurr
instructing the Committee who have under consideration
the revision of the City Charter, to report the terms of the

335. Ordered, to be recalled, taken by Order of the Commonwealth, Keeping the minors in each ward, and at each Police Station for concurrence. Read and Concurred.

Smith. The Committee on the Petition of Isaac Smith for a license to exhibit at Union Hall, Union Street, a Collection of Statuary, for one month, reported, that the same be granted. Read & accepted.

Ordered, that the Committee on Lamps be and they are hereby authorized to make a contract for such number of Oil as may be required by the City during the ensuing twelve months commencing on the first day of November next.

Brookline St. Sewer. The Superintendent of Sewers and Drains reported an assignment for constructing a Common Sewer in Brookline Street. Read and accepted, and thereupon ordered that said Superintendent make out the several bills and lodge them with the Treasurer for collection.

Wold. The Committee on the Petition of David Wold, and others, to have the fence removed, in the front of the Franklin School House, reported, that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Read and accepted.

Dennison. The Committee on the Petition of James Dennison, and others, for the use of the Primary School room in Tremont Street, for evening meetings, reported

that it is inexpedient to allow the use of any of the school houses or public rooms in the evenings, & recommend that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted.

Communication from the City Solicitor relative to settling the final settlement of the claim of Roman Nelson against the City. Referred to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Petition of Elikhalet Kimball, & others, for the use of the primary school room in Dedham Street for the purpose of a Sabbath School. Referred to the Committee on public buildings. Kimball

The board took into consideration the report of the Committee on the City Charter, reported the following Order viz: That seven thousand copies of the new draft of the City Charter together with the report be printed and distributed in the several wards, as speedily as may be and that the citizens be called upon to give in their votes upon the several subjects herein mentioned, in the warrants for the annual election of municipal officers in December next. accepted, with sundry amendments and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with amendments. Read & concurred. City Charter

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the rules and regulations of the Fire department

337. Chairman adopted in July last by the Board, have attended to the duty and ask leave to report, That in August last, at a meeting of the officers of the Companies, several alterations were proposed in the rules and regulations which the Committee promised to take into consideration, and if they should be deemed expedient, to propose for adoption to the Board of Aldermen. The Committee thought it advisable however, to wait till some short experience of the operation of the new system should have enabled them to judge better of the propriety of the alterations suggested. Some of those alterations would materially affect the system as a whole; and could not be adopted without giving up some points which the Committee deem of great importance in the plan which was adopted in July last. Of this kind is the regulation requiring six months service; in order to entitle the member to commutation; and the requiring him to provide a substitute in case of long sickness or necessary absence. The first was thought necessary because where the men are not numerous they should have some experience to enable them to do the work well. The latter regulation is rendered necessary by the former for the number of men having been reduced to so low an amount that it is essential to have them all on duty, a substitute ought to be provided or their necessary absent. Otherwise the ranks might be too much thinned, or the accounts become confused from frequent changes of men and require too much labor & care to keep them. As it stands, an individual who provides a substitute may readily settle with him the proportion

in which the annual compensation shall be divided be-
tween them, and the account stands for six months, at least,
in the name of the original incumbent. The committee
have thought the same motive of act to will require the
superintendence of all officers to the Fire Engineer, and
act 26 making every member responsible for his badge,
or other property entrusted to him. They will refer
to the companies the charge of repairs & providing hose
&c. leaving the original responsibility as it now stands to
require enforcing. Some other changes were proposed,
which they do not interfere with the general system,
are rather matters of convenience & compliance with the
feelings of the Companies, the committee think may with
propriety be made. Article 3 which requires that
the roll of each company should be called after every
alarm, seems to be rendered unnecessary by article 5th
which imposes on the foreman the duty of returning, to
the engineer's office, all the absences of members of his com-
pany, once in each month. The Committee are of opin-
ion that if the absences from fires are returned, all
reasonable security will be given for the performance
of the service, and that it may be safely left to the
Officers to determine in what way the cases shall
be ascertained. They think also that the returns
being made once in a quarter will answer all pur-
poses quite as well as once in a month and with less
trouble. Article 7th authorizing the engineers to
appoint horsemen, and article 8th to appoint assistants
but as they are not always acquainted with all the

339 individuals of a company; it is thought best that the companies should nominate suitable persons to these offices, and that the engineers should act upon that nomination. That change, it is believed will be satisfactory to the companies and not injurious to the service and the Committee therefore recommend their adoption by the passage of the following order viz:- Ordered, That the rules and regulations of the Companies attached to the Boston Fire Department be amended as follows. that article 3d be stricken out; that the word "mouth" in the 2d article be stricken out and the word "quarter" be inserted in place thereof; that after word "Company" in the seventh and eighth articles there be inserted the following words, viz "on the nomination of the Company"

Read and accepted.

Collier

The Committee on Public Buildings ask leave to report, that the petition of Rev^d William Collier ought in their opinion to be granted; and recommend the passage of the following Order. viz^t Ordered, That the Rev^d William Collier have leave to use the Court room in Everett Street for purposes of public worship provided that it be used in the daytime only, that he repair any damage he may cause, and that he be subject to the order of this board to remove at any time they may require it. Read and accepted.

Primary School Dist. No. 15

The Joint Committee to whom were referred the petitions of the Primary School Committee for this

tricts No. 5 & 6 praying for the erection of new primary 3-40.
school houses in their respective districts, & that
do report thereon; that the money appropriated for
the purpose by the City Council, for the current year,
has been so nearly expended that there does not
now remain a sufficient sum to authorize the Committee
to begin to erect such buildings in either district.,
The Committee believe however that the School Houses
prayed for are needed, and are of opinion that the lo-
cation in Theatre Alley is particularly advantageous.,
They would therefore recommend them to the favorable
tion of the next City Council and ask to be discharged
from the farther consideration of the subject. For the
Committee. Samuel C. Eliot. Read & accepted.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred.

The Committee on Public Buildings are of Primary
opinion that it is expedient to allow the use of the School District
room under the Winthrop School, to the primary school . No. 6.
Committee of said District recommend the passage of
the following order. viz. Ordered, that the Primary
School Committee of District No. 6. be permitted to occupy
the Ward room of Ward 10 till the further order of this
board...

The Committee on the fire department to
whom the Ordinance establishing fire districts
&c. was referred report, recommending to the
adoption of the same with alterations in the sec-
tions & to read together with an Ordinance in addition

341. to an ordinance for preventing and extinguishing and establishing a fire department in the City of Boston. Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Alger — Free bridge

Petition of Cyrus Alger, and others, that the draws of the Free bridge to South Boston, may be closed, for a sufficient time on Sundays, to give an opportunity for persons to pass, in order to attend public worship. Read and referred to the committee on the revision of the City Charter.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Thursday next, four o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Alder-
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thurs-
day the twenty sixth day of October A.D. 1837.

Present.

The Mayor and the whole board of Aldermen.

Petition of William H. Odiorne, and Odiorne
others, to have Lyman Mascarenas, referred to Lyman &
the Committee on Streets.

The Committee on laying out and Swallow
widening Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Causeway Street
& Isa Swallow and others, to have Causeway Street widen-
ed; On the 17th day of July last, made a report that
in their opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be
granted, and a resolution was passed by the board tak-
ing from the estate, known by the street plate, a piece
of land containing fifty eight and thirds feet, in confor-
mity to a plan drawn by Alexander Parris and
in pulling off and removing back the fence, a mistake
occured in relation to the line; and instead of the twen-
ty six, ninety nine and one half feet were taken ac-
cording to a plan taken by said Alexander Parris
dated since the date of the original plan viz
23d 1839. The Committee therefore recommend that the
resolution passed on the 17th day of July last be recon-
sidered, and the following adopted; Resolved that
the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants requires
that Causeway Street be widened, and the same is

343 by said land and the piece of land taken from the said Estate is said to be added is hereby made a part of the said Estate Highway as herein before described. Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the East side of Everett Street, and the Northerly side of Causeway Street; and thence running Northeasterly by said Causeway Street, twenty-six and nine tenths feet; thence running Northerly by land known as the name of the said Estate two hundred and three tenths feet to a point in the said Westerly side of said Everett Street distant eight feet and four inches, from the point of beginning, thence running Southerly by said Everett Street eight feet and four inches to said point of beginning containing nine tenths and one half square feet according to a plan drawn by Chandler Robbins Civil Engineer 1857. Plan accepted and Report passed.

Eliot Ordered, That there be paid to Ephraim L. Eliot, the sum of one hundred and nineteen dollars in full for ninety nine and one half feet of land taken from the estate known by the name of the Eliot Estate for widen Causeway Street, on his giving a good and sufficient deed of the same, and releasing the City from all damages.

Adjourned to Monday next four O'Clock P.M.

Indians Petition On account of a large number of Indians from the forest and wigwams Ordered, Indians Police. The Board adjourned from

Monday to Tuesday; the Indians were received by the 3 1/4
Mayor and members of the City Council at Faneuil
Hall, where several speeches were made by the Mayor
and His Excellency the Governor Everett, speeches
were made in answer through the means of their In-
terpreters...

At a meeting of the board of
Aldermen [illegible] held at City Hall
on Monday the thirty-first day of October A. D. 1853.
Present...

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen

The record of the Committee, on the petition of Horace Gray, for the use of the public lands, west of Charles street, for a public garden, as amended by the Common Council, read and referred to the Mayor, Aldermen Freeman and Pierce...

The Superintendent of Drains and Sewers, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Williams and others, praying for the laying of a common sewer in Tremont street, between E. Williams and Dudley Streets, for the laying of a common sewer in Tremont street, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to report: That they have viewed the premises, and are of opinion that the public convenience requires that a common sewer should be laid in Tremont street, between E. Williams and Dudley Streets, and that the Superintendent make out the bills and lodge them

with the Treasurer for Collection.

German Protestant Church

Petition of the German Protestant Church and Society, who occupy the Ward Room in the Franklin School House, for the purposes of public worship praying, that they may have liberty to remove the desks and seats which were used for a School. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Courts' Fees.

The reasons of appeal from a decree of the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, at Boston the 10th. day of December A. D. 1839, to the Supreme Court of Probate, in and by which will the City has a contingent interest. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Intermediate.

The Superintendent of Public Lands, quarterly of Public Lands returns of Sales made by him, ending this day. Read & filed.

Myers Ferry St.

The Committee on the several petitions for Wells Road St. Common Sewers as follows viz. Charles H. Myrick in Ferry Street, and Arnold S. Wells, for John Wells and others, in Front Street, reported that orders of Notice be issued in Common form, returnable on Monday next four O'clock P. M. Read accepted and ordered accordingly.

Warrants for Ward meetings.

Ordered, that warrants be issued forthwith to the Inhabitants in their several wards on Monday the thirteenth day of November, next, at eleven O'clock A. M.

then and there to give in their ballots for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators for the District, Sheriffs, and Eighty-six Representatives, to represent the City in the next General Court, that being the number agreed upon by the City Council. The Polls to be kept open until four o'Clock P.M.

The Ordinance being completed, thereupon Ordered, that public notice be given, that the said notice may be seen at the Mayor and Aldermen's room City Hall, and at the Police Office, Faneuil Hall, and one Copy at or near the place of meeting in each Ward, and one at the Hawes School House, South Boston: and one at East Boston. And all legal voters are requested to see that their names are inserted on the lists; and the Mayor and Aldermen will attend at their room, every day this week and the next for the purpose of inserting such names as may be omitted and changing those who have removed from one ward to another since the first day of May last.

Petition of Ezra Burleigh and others, Burleigh praying that part of Bucknam Street, Bucknam Street from Broad Street, as far as the lands of the South Cove Corporation may be accepted and made a public Street and highway. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolved, that the legality and convenience Beach of the Inhabitants require that Beach Street should Street

347. be laid out from its present termination on Lincoln Street towards Broad Street, & is therefore hereby Ordered, that said Street be and the same is hereby laid out in manner following viz. Beginning at a point in the Easterly side of said Lincoln Street at the North Easterly corner of the Depot of the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Corporation, thence running easterly five hundred and five feet more or less to a Street thirty feet wide laid out by Isaac Hale and others and in a direction to the point of intersection made by the Street last mentioned and the Southerly side of a Street of said width laid out by Noah Sellins and others, thence by said Street laid out by Hale and others northerly fifty feet, thence by a straight line parallel with the line first mentioned and fifty feet distant therefrom westerly to Lincoln Street, thence by said Lincoln Street fifty feet to the place of beginning. taking from land belonging to the heirs of Isaac Hale three thousand feet more or less, from land belonging to the South Cove Corporation, eight thousand and seventy eight feet more or less, from land belonging to the heirs of John Osborn, two thousand four hundred and fifty feet more or less, from land belonging to John Prince, three thousand eight hundred and seventy five feet more or less, and from land belonging to Caleb Haskins, three thousand six hundred and fifty feet more or less and said Street is hereby laid out according to plan thereof made by Alpheus F. Miller dated October 20 1837.

Ordered, That the City Marshal, &c. &c.

and he hereby is directed to notify the Inhabitants that
certain buildings and encroachments in Lincoln
Beach Street, this day laid out, between Lincoln and
a Street thirty feet wide formerly laid out by Jabez Ha
ven, must be removed within ten days.

Adjourned to Monday next, four
o'Clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Alder
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Mon-
day the sixth day of November A. D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen, except
Alderman Quincy.

Petition of Levi H. Lincoln and Lincoln
Church to have Cushman Lane widened. Referred
to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Caleb Pratt and others, Pratt
praying that Weston Street and [illegible] Street may be
filled up, and a Street laid over the same. Referred
to the Committee on Streets.

249. Remonstrance of the Fifty Associates & others against making reservoirs and receptacles for water in the places designated on the plan for the site of the new Custom House, but that the same may be constructed in other places. Referred to the Committee on drains and sewers

Harmon. Petition of Eldridge Harmon and others, that an Engine may be placed on the neck lands and offering to form a Company to take charge of the same. Referred to the Committee on the fire Department.

Pier Committee on the Petition of the Proprietors of Boston Pier or Long wharf, reported, that so much of the said petition as relates the sidewalk at the head of said wharf, ought to be granted, and recommend that the same be ordered to be laid, free of expense to the City. Read and accepted

Osborn & al Street The Committee on the Petition of Hyman Osborn and others, to have Bird Street, lined between F. and Dorchester Streets, reported, that the subject be referred to a future Board. Read and accepted.

Homeway & al Street On the Petition of Benjamin Homeway, and others to have the Commissioners on Broad Street near Purchase Street, taken up and laid lower. Ordered, that an order issue to said persons interested to appear in Monday next Black Box, and

show cause if any they have; why the same should not 1850.
be laid, and the expense thereof assessed according to
law upon those whose estates shall be benefitted there
by.

The Superintendent of Streets and Sewers
made a return of the assessment for making Common
Sewer in Leverett Court, Read and accepted and
thereupon Ordered, that said superintendent make out
the several bills, and lodge them with the Treasurer for
collection.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be Volunteer
and he is hereby authorized and required to pay each Companies of
member of the volunteer companies of Militia borne Militia
on the several rolls returned according to Law, who
have during the current year kept themselves constant
ly armed, uniformed and equipped and have per form
ed all the active duty required by law, according to
the statute in such case made and provided Viz. sum
of five dollars each.

Ordered, that there be paid to the Estate
heirs of the late Governor Lincoln of the town of Hamilton
deceased, on the fifth day of December next, the sum Treas.
of two hundred and fifty dollars and ninety cents,
in full for right and the Easement of land
taken from the estate to widen Washington Street in
their given a good and sufficient deed of the same,
and release the City from all damages.

351. Ordered, That the Committee on burial grounds
Burial grounds and Cemeteries be instructed to inquire into the condition
of the Known burial ground, and report.

Loring estate. A Message was received from the Common Council, that they had nonconcurred with this board in the vote authorizing the Committee on Public Lands to purchase the Loring estate adjacent to the new Court House.

Knapp et al. The Committee on the Petition of Josiah Knapp and others, to widen Pinckney Street, reported that the further consideration of the subject be referred to the next board. Read & accepted.

Crowley et al. Petition of Daniel Crowley and others, to have Stephen Hard removed from the office of pound keeper. Read and thereupon Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Auctioneer licensed. Lucius Truman licensed as an auctioneer, and his bond approved.

Myers et al. On the Petition of Charles W. Myers et al to have a Common sewer laid in Berry Street, and now it appearing to this board, that notice has been given as required by the order passed at the last meeting, and no one appearing to object, it is thereupon ordered, that the Committee on drains and sewers be authorized to cause a sewer to be laid as aforesaid, if they

shall deem it expedient and apply the expense thereof 332.
of, according to law upon those persons or estates
shall be benefitted thereby.

On the Petition of Arnold & Wells & Wells & Wells
John Wells, and others, that a Common Sewer be laid in Front Street.
in Front Street. And now it appearing to this Board
that notice has been given, agreeably to the order
passed at the last meeting, and no one appear
ing to object, it is thereupon Ordered, that the
Committee on drains and sewers be authorized
to cause a sewer to be laid as aforesaid, if they shall
deem it expedient and apply the expense thereof
according to law, upon the persons or estates
shall be benefitted thereby.

The auditor of accounts made a report Auditor's
of moneys received by him in his said Capacity, and paid quarterly
to the Treasurer the last quarter. Came & read
the Common Council. Read and filed.

Reports of the Superintendent of Superintendent
burial grounds, the Hay weigher of the Northern burial grounds
district, and the City Clerk of moneys received Treasurer
by them in their respective Capacities and paid City Clerk
into the Treasury the last quarter.

Read & filed down.

3.?? Ordered, that the ward board proceed
Custom House on Wednesday next, 9 o'Clock A. M. to view the head
Dock. of the Dock between Central wharf and Long wharf
where the New Custom House is now building.

German Protestant Society. The Committee on Public buildings having had the petition of the German Protestant Society under consideration do report that they see no objection to the Society's having the use of the ward room for public worship, and fitting it up for that purpose, provided it be not in any way rendered less fit for the public purposes of the ward. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following order viz: Ordered; That the German Protestant Society under the pastoral care of the Rev^d Henry J. Smith be allowed to furnish the ward room of Ward 12. with seats for the purpose of public worship, under the direction of the Committee on public buildings and that they be permitted to use it for said purposes in the daytime only. Read & accepted.

Kimball The Committee on public building to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Kimball and others for the use of a Primary School room in Dedham Street, ask leave to report that there is no objection to the petitioners using the room in the daytime, on the usual conditions of responsibility for any damage done by them, and liability to removal by this Board. But the Committee cannot recommend allowing them to use it in the evening any more than any other public room. They therefore

propose the following order viz Ordered, That Capt 3d M.
Kimball and others have leave to use the Primary School
room in Dedham Street, for purposes of public worship
and a Sunday School, in the day time only...

Read and accepted.

Petition of C. H. Fuller, for a license for his "Fuller"
amphitheatre or Circus, for one week... Referred to the
Committee on licenses...

Ordered, That the City Treasurer mark Voters
such names as are on the lists of voters in the several
wards, who have not paid a tax within two years...

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be and Mistake in
he is hereby authorized and required to pay each mem before
ber

The Burial Ground Committee, inform the Burial Ground
Board. That in consequence of the extra expense called for the
present year for improvements and repairs at the Copps Hill
Burial Ground The appropriation for Burial Grounds and
Cemeteries is nearly expended. there is barely enough left to
defray the ordinary expenditures of the department. That the
South Burial Ground is nearly full. very few more interments
can be made there. It therefore becomes necessary to cart
on to the back part of said ground a quantity of dirt for the
double purpose of filling it up to a level with the front.
and for using it for the interment of the dead. That the
Committee can at the present time procure dirt for

355. twenty five cents per load which is cheaper than usual & recommend that this opportunity be embraced to fill up said ground and submit the accompanying order for that purpose. For the Committee. Henry Farnam.

Ordered. That the Superintendent of Burial Grounds be requested, under the direction of the Committee on Burial Grounds to cause 1400 loads of dirt to be carted on to the back part of the South Burial Ground, Provided the same can be obtained for twenty five cents per load and that the sum of four hundred dollars be added to the appropriation for burial grounds and withdrawn from the reserve fund. November 6th 1837. Read, Accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

Gray. Public Garden

The Committe on the petition of Horace Gray, for the use of part of the Lands west of Charles Street, with instruction, to report an order containing precise limitations and restrictions so as to protect the rights and interests of the City, and so framed as not to impair the contract existing between the City, The Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation made a report which was passed by the Common Council, as taken into a new draft as follows

Ordered. That the Com^{te} on the Public Lands be authorized and empowered to grant to Horace Gray & his associates the use of such portion of the

lands west of Charles Street as they may deem expedient for the purpose of a public garden and that the use of such land be granted to the Petitioner on the following terms and conditions Viz. 1st That no Building shall be erected thereon other than green houses, hot houses or such other Buildings as may be necessary for properly maintaining a garden of flowers. 2. That no such building shall exceed fourteen feet in height above the level of Charles Street. 3. That no building shall be erected there which shall impair the contract between the Boston and Roxbury Mills Corporation and the City. 4th That all buildings, or other property belonging to the Petitioner or his associates shall be removed from the ground and the land be peaceably surrendered to the City Authorities whenever the City Council shall require they giving nine months notice of such requisition. 5th That the Trustees or Directors of the said establishment shall annually make a report signed by a majority of their board to the City Council stating the expenditures made and the income received. 6th That the Proprietors of the garden shall in no case receive to their own use a greater amount than six per centum on the amount invested by them in the garden. 7th That all income arising from the garden over and above said six per cent per annum upon the amount invested in it shall be expended in improvements on the grounds. 8th That the Petitioners procure and file with the City Clerk the

351. written assent of the Proprietors of the Boston Water Power Corporation and of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation (if in the opinion of the City Solicitor the last named Corporation have any interest therein) to this grant by the City, and their waiver of any claim of any right whatever under their contract with the City or in any way in consequence of such grant or of the use of the land as a public garden, the instrument containing such consent and waiver to be satisfactory to the City Solicitor. 9th That no fence shall be erected on the westerly side of Charles Street other than such as may be approved by the Mayor and Aldermen. 10th That this order shall be void unless the garden be actually commenced within eight months from its passage and notice thereof be lodged by the Petitioners with the City Clerk. The foregoing order having received two readings passed by Vote taken by Yeas and Nays. 25 Members voting in the affirmative and in the negative. 11.
Came up for Concurrence. Read and Concurred.

Police of the City.

The Committee who had the subject of the Police of the City under consideration, reported. They are unanimously of opinion that the Police force of the City ought to be increased. They believe the time has come when the preservation of order and the observance of law must be maintained by the exhibition of a greater

physical force than has heretofore been requisite for these objects. The City has grown to three or four times the size it formerly was, without any proportionate increase of the means of enforcing the laws and ordinances. The question which principally occupied the attention of the Committee was to what extent the organisation of a new corps of Police Officers should be carried; and after the discussion of some other propositions, the following scheme was adopted as the best which occurred to them, but subject to the constant revision of the Board of Aldermen, as experience should prove its sufficiency or insufficiency. Let the City be divided into four districts, in each of which nine police men, of whom one shall be an officer having supervision of the others, shall patrol during the whole day, for the purpose of securing the peace of the City, and the execution of the laws and ordinances. These police men must have the powers of constables, and should be under the direction of the City Marshall. They will furnish to that officer the eyes and the hands which are necessary to enable him to perform the multifarious duties required of him. They will be able, it is hoped, to prevent many of those annoyances to the public which arise from the breach of ordinances, devised for the common good, but which it has heretofore been the particular business of

359. no one to enforce; and also to check those breaches of the peace which have been so numerous for the good reputation of the City. It is intended to imitate, as far as may be, the system of London, where a similar patrol is established, and is found to be of great advantage in various ways besides the enforcement of laws. In cases of accident, or alarm of fire, they can render much assistance, and they are a body upon whom all strangers gratuitously rely for aid and protection. Such, it is hoped will be the result here; and the rules of the London police are so nearly similar to those which will be needed in this City, that little difficulty can occur in adapting them to our wants. In addition to the day police, the Committee are of opinion that the night watch should be augmented. It is now so small that, on every occasion of alarm, it becomes necessary to increase it; and this being done suddenly, the men are often without experience, and cannot be considered as equal to those who have previously been accustomed to the duty. An addition of about thirty men may be considered by the Committee desirable; so that there should never be less than fifty men on duty at once. The Committee are of opinion that the system of the watch is as good as need be, and that the only necessary improvement is an addition to the number of men employed. The expense of the change suc-

gested is a subject of estimate only, and as far as the Committee were able to judge, would probably be as follows. It is suggested that the men for the day police could be engaged at a rate not exceeding one dollar a day, and the officers of the districts at two dollars a day. This would amount to the sum of $14,600 per annum. The augmentation of the watch at the present price, which is believed to be sufficient, would cost about $10,000 per annum, making a total of nearly $25,000 as almost half of the present financial year has past, the Committee recommend an additional appropriation of $13,000, of which $5,000 should be added to the appropriation for the watch, and $8,000 to the appropriation for constables, for the current year. The Committee report herewith a draft of an Ordinance regulating the Police of the City of Boston, and ask leave to submit the following order. For the Committee

Saml. A. Eliot.

Ordered, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee of Finance a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand dollars, of which sum, five thousand dollars shall be added to the appropriation for the watch for the current financial year, and eight thousand dollars to the appropriation for constables for the present financial year.

—Read and passed in Common

561. Council. Came up for Concurrence. Read and upon the question of concurrence in the order and repeal as taken into a new draft, the Yeas and Nays being required agreeably to the Order of the City Council, and were taken as follows viz. Yeas Aldermen Swan, Wilson, Gurney, Hayward, Hunting, Wells and Richardson. Nays None. So the same passed in concurrence with the Common Council.

Adjourned to Monday next, four O'Clock P.M.

At a Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the thirteenth day of December A.D. 1852.

Present

The Mayor. Aldermen Hayward, Hunting, Gurney, Wells and Richardson.

H. of Correction

The Overseers of the House of Correction the account of moneys received at their office and expended by them for that institution from the first day of August last, to this day with the several vouchers, were received and referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

Petition of Joseph C. Brown, 362. Brown
and others respecting the erection of houses by them on the corner of Canal and Pleasant Streets Canal & Pleasant Sts.
They are desirous to convey a strip of land to the City, before they shall sell or let in the lots which strip of land was taken to widen the Street.
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Horace Gray and Edward H. Robbins, that a cross street may be constructed in Summer Street. Referred to the Committee on drains and sewers with full power. Gray
Summer St.

Memorial of Francis Coffman respecting the abatement of his taxes. Referred to Aldermen Wetmore & Hunting. Coffman

Petition of the Mass. Char. mechanic Mechanic Assn.
itable Association for the use of a room in the Bowdoin School House for an Evening School for apprentices. Referred to the Committee on public buildings with full power.

On the petition of Benja. Humphrey and others the common sewer in Bread Street near Purchase Street taken up and carried down. And now it appearing that notice has been given agreeably to the order passed at the last meeting and Ebenezer Stilling and Sundry other Humphrey
Bread St.

persons appear and object to the same, and after a full hearing it is thereupon ordered, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

This is a Mistake

The Committee on Internal Health reported, that the following persons be licensed to

Adjourned to Wednesday next 12 O'Clock. M.

At a Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the fifteenth day of November A.D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole board of Aldermen.

Votes returns &c.

The board proceeded to examine the returns of votes from the several wards, as given in on Monday last, viz! for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Representatives, and found them as recorded in the book kept for that purpose.

Ordered, that the Several

certificates of the election of the above mention- 364
ed officers be made out, and returned agreeably
to Law, & notices be made out & directed to the several
persons who have been chosen Representatives to be
delivered to each of them by a Constable.

George E. Cook, was licensed as an Auctioneer Auctioneer
Auctioneer No 25 Commercial Street, and his licensed.
bond approved.

Ordered, that the Superintend- Turnpike St.
ent of Sewers and Drains place a Iron Water
Cock in Turnpike Street between Fourth
Street and Broadway, for the purpose of taking off
the water from the side gutter, the same to be done
under the direction of the Committee of Sewers
& Drains.

Adjourned to Thursday next
10 O'Clock M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the Sixth day of November A.D. 1857.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole Board of Aldermen.

Votes returned

The several returns being made out, were examined and signed by the Mayor and Aldermen, and attested by the City Clerk. They were afterwards sealed up and directed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and were ordered to be returned according to law.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twelfth day of November A.D. 1857.

Present

The Mayor, Alderman Sarnam, Wetmore, Gurney, Maynard, Hunting and Wells.

Six Jurors drawn for the Dis- 366
trict Court of U. S. Jurors

Order of the Common Coun- City Police
cil. appointing Messrs. William. Chapman & Jos-
elyn, with such as the Board of Aldermen might
join, a committee to consider the expediency
of making an application to the next legisla-
ture authorizing the City Council to appoint
a Special City Police, from time to time as
the peace & good order of the City may require.
Came up for Concurrence. Read & Concurred,
and the Mayor, Aldermen Witmer & Jarman
were joined.

Order of the Common Coun- Water
cil instructing the Committee on Water to
call on the Commissioners appointed on the
introduction of pure water into the City, to
report as soon as may be, the progress which
they have thus far made in the requisitions
expressed in an order of the City Council pas-
sed in March last. Came up for Concurrence
Read and Concurred.

Order of the Common Coun- Barnard
cil, instructing the committee appointed on
the petition of Charles L. Barnard, & others
in behalf of the Society for the prevention of

367 Jeaufeeism to report upon the subject mat-
ter referred to them, as soon as practicable.
Came up for Concurrence Read & Concurred.

H. of Correction — The Committee to whom was re-
ferred the accounts of the Trustees of the House
of Correction have examined the same and
find them correctly cast and well vouched.
Read and Accepted

Eastern Rail Road — Petition of the Eastern Rail Road Company praying leave to con-
struct a draw in a Bridge over Chelsea Creek
according to the plan therein proposed. Also
for leave to alter the direction of a town road
in said town. Referred to the Committee on
Streets.

Fayette St. — The Assessment of the amount
of constructing a common Sewer in Fayette
Street made by the Superintendent of Sew-
ers & Drains.
Referred to the Committee on Drains & Sewers

Williams — Petition of John Williams
& others that the Lamps in Kilby, Water &
Milk Streets, may be kept burning the whole
night.
Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Solomon Piper and others to have South Street place extended, and made a public Street.
Referred to the Committee on Streets

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Piper
South St. Place

Petition of Henry G. Rice and others to have the fence removed from Fifth Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Rice
Fifth St.

Petition of T. S. Jackson, in behalf of the proprietors of Mill Pond Wharf, that the City pay for a drain constructed by said Corporation, and accept the Streets laid out through their Land.
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Jackson
Mill Pond Wharf

Petition of Elizabeth Jones, and others. that a bell may be placed on the Engine House in Prescott Street.
Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Jones

Petition of Edward T. Jaspan and others. that an Engine be placed in Wards No 8 or 9 and offering to take charge of the same.
Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Jaspan

Henry J. Clive's lease of a Pew Clive
Rec. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

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Thrasher

Petition of E. Thrasher and others, for the use of Primary School room Fremont Street, for a Sabbath School.
Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Letter

Petition of Israel Letter, for a License to exhibit a performance of Legerdemain at East Boston, on Tuesday & Wednesday evening next. Read & Granted.

Cabot

Petition of Joseph Cabot for a License to exhibit a gallery of fine arts, at No 63 Union Street.
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Parker

Petition of J. D. Parker, for a License to exhibit a Locomotive Engine and Miniature Rail Road.
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Tenderden

The Committee on laying out and widening Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. S Tenderden, alleging that he had sustained damages to the lease of the estate No 205 Washington Street, by cutting off part of the building to widen said Street, have considered the same and Report.

That the estate above alluded to is the property of William Bowman, & was

leased to your petitioner for the term of 20 Years. 370.
which will expire in 1852. Your petitioner under-
let the same to other persons whose Leases will termi-
nate in 1841 & 42. consequently the present tenants
who occupy the buildings, are the only persons who
can at present be damaged by any operations of
the City, and these having been satisfactorily
remunerated, it appears to your Committee that
the petitioner has no claim, at least, until after
the termination of the present leases, & at that
time it should appear that his lease has been
damaged, he will have an equitable claim for
remuneration, your Committee therefore, are
inclined, to the opinion, that the benefits which
will result from the improvements made by the
City, will more than counterbalance any dam-
ages your petitioner may have anticipated.
the Committee therefore ask to be discharged.
all which is respectfully submitted, for the Com-
mittee. Nathan Gurney.

Read & Accepted.

The Committee on Laying Salem St.
out & widening Street, to whom was referred the
communication of Joseph H. Bayley stating
that he is about building on Salem Street, hav-
ing viewed the same and recommend the accept-
ion of the following resolution, which is submit-
ted. for the Committee Henry Barnham.

378. In Board of Aldermen, Jan. 20: 1857.

Resolved That the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants require that Salem Street be widened by taking a piece of land from the estate formerly known by the name of the Lord estate, and the same is hereby made a part of the public Street or highway as follows viz. Beginning on Salem Street, at the Southeasterly corner of the estate of Henry J. Oliver thence running northwesterly two feet, more or less, to the corner of a brick house on said Oliver's estate. Thence southerly on a line with the front of a block of brick buildings situated on said Salem Street next northerly of said Lord estate thirty two feet to a brick building, thence easterly two feet more or less by said brick building to Salem Street. Thence by said Salem Street northerly to the point of beginning.

Read, Concurred, and the Resolve passed.

Harmon

The Committee on the petition of Elbridge Harmon & others for an Engine in Ward No 12, reported, That in their opinion it would be inexpedient at present to grant the prayer of said petitioners, & ask to be discharged.

Read and accepted.

Odiorne
Lyman Rae

The Committee on the petition of William H. Odiorne & others, to have

Lyman Place widened. Reported, that it is inexpedi- 372.
ient to take any order upon the subject.
Read and Accepted

The Committee on the petition of Nathaniel Trial Trial & others, for leave to William St. lay a suction pipe in Holland Street opposite Sudbury Street, reported, that the same be granted, on condition that the street be put in good order, free of expence to the City.
Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Mechanic Ass.
petition of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association for the use of a room in the Bowdoin School House, for an Evening School for Apprentices. Reported that the prayer of said petitioners be granted.
Read and Accepted

Adjourned to Monday next,
four O' Clock P.M.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held at City Hall on Friday the Twenty fourth day of November A.D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor and the whole Board of Aldermen

City Charter

The City Charter, reported in a new draft by a committee appointed for that purpose, and accepted by this Board on the 23d. ult. inst. came up from the Common Council as passed with sundry amendments.

Read and Concurred.

Schools

Ordered, that the Sum of two Thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for repairs, fuel and other supplies, for all the Schools, except the primary schools, and the same Sum be withdrawn from the appropriation for a reserved Fund. Passed in Common Council.

Came up for Concurrence.

Read and Concurred

Eastern Rail Road

Ordered, that the Eastern Rail Road Company, praying leave to construct a draw in a Bridge over Chelsea Creek, according to a plan proposed also for leave to alter the direction of a town road, have leave to withdraw their petition.

Adjourned to Monday next 3/4.
Four O'Clock P.M.

At a Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty seventh day of November A.D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole Board of Aldermen.

Whereas the City Treasurer & Collector has made a return to the Board of the names of sundry persons who appear not to have paid any tax, assessed within two years; but are marked on the ward lists as having voted at the recent election. It is therefore Hereby Ordered, that public notice be given that a prosecution will be commenced against all such persons, unless they forthwith pay said taxes.

Petition of T. H. Perkins, Perkins and others, praying, that the building erected by Mr. Catherwood, for the exhibition of Panoramas, on the City Land west of Charles Street, may be suffered to remain another year. Read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Catherwood's Panorama.

The Committee on the Fire

375. Department to whom was referred the petition of J. H. Perkins & many hundred others praying that the building erected by Mr. Catherwood may be suffered to remain another year. have again considered the subject & ask leave to report; that they sympathize entirely with the wish expressed by so many of their fellow citizens that such exhibitions as those of Mr. Catherwood might be encouraged & liberally patronized by the public. It is very desirable that a safe & suitable building should be erected within the City for such a purpose. But this wish, sincere as it is, ought not to blind them to the fact that the building erected by Mr. Catherwood is entirely of wood, & as they conceive very unsafe in its character, not merely to the immediate neighborhood, but to a very large portion of the City, in which wooden dwelling houses are numerous. This opinion of the unsafe character of the building, if it were confined to the Committee, might be outweighed by that of others more competent than themselves to judge. but it happens to be of a description which the Legislature has decided to be so dangerous that they have forbidden their erection, under a heavy penalty. & neither this board, nor any other board of public officers, one would think, should sanction the erection on their own ground, of a class of buildings which they are bound to prevent on the land of private indi-

viduals. It also is in relation of the permit which 376
was formally given to Mr. Catherwood at the
Spring, which allows the erection of such build-
ings only as should conform to the existing laws
on the subject. The Committee do not mean to
deny however, that by the time the building was
finished & was thereby in condition to be com-
plained of, they were aware that it exceeded the
limits prescribed by the law. They knew also that
the persons residing in the immediate neighborhood
were (not unreasonably) alarmed at the extent &
material of the building; but the character of
the proposed exhibition was so interesting to the
public, & it was thought so desirable to encourage
it, that the Committee, not only forbore to recommend
any prosecution on the part of the City Officers,
but used some effort to prevail upon the neighbors
also to forbear to prosecute. While this negotiat-
ion was going on, Mr. Catherwood voluntarily
stated to the Committee that he did not desire the
building to remain after the month of Novem-
ber. Presuming that in that period he could
reimburse himself for the expense of the edifice.
It was in consequence of his promise to remove the
building in November that the City authorities
refrained for a time from prosecuting, & pursuad-
ed the neighbors also to pursue the same course.
it being understood on all hands that by the
first of December the building was to be removed.

377. The disappointment of Mr. Cathcart, in consequence of the unexpected embarassment of the times, has induced him, & others in his behalf, to petition for further time; but though this is an excellent reason why Mr. Cathcart should ask, the committee are unable to consider it an equally good one why the board should grant an extension of time to a building on the public Lands of an illegal & dangerous character. They regret as much as any one the loss which the gentleman has incurred, but it cannot be denied that he voluntarily assumed the risk, & that he ought not now to shrink from the consequences of his own act. Neither can it be denied that the building is illegal & dangerous in its character, & that it does not conform to the terms of the permit which passed this board originally. Whether it is proper for public officers to countenance a violation of law on the grounds urged in the petition, the Committee leave to the board to decide. But they cannot persuade themselves that the many respectable signers of the petition would have urged it had they been aware of all that has taken place in relation to the building. It is in the power of the board to remove it at any time; Mr. Cathcart is constantly liable to prosecution on account of it, it will, if suffered to remain, be vacant partially during the winter; & be filled with other panoramas next spring and every day that it

continues an additional risk of fire is incurred 378
by a large portion of the City. Under these cir-
cumstances the Committee adhere to their for-
mer opinion, and recommend that the petition-
ers have leave to withdraw their petition. Per
the Committee. Saml. A. Eliot.

—Read and Accepted.

The Committee to whom was Weights
referred the memorial of John U. Dearborn & Measures
Amos Stevens, Sealers of Weights & measures, have
attended to the subject & ask leave to report;
The Memorialists complain that a radical
obstruction to the performance of their duties"
now exists under the Statute of the Common-
wealth which provides for the sealing of weights
& measures, because it is made the duty of the
Sealers of weights & measures, in case any cit-
izens, who use the same, neglect to bring them to
be adjusted & sealed, either to go to their stores
& adjust them there or to prosecute any delin-
quent, who is liable to a fine of five dollars on
conviction. And the Memorialists state that
it is impracticable to transfer a sheet of tests
for the purpose of adjusting beams, weights &c.
and that the only alternative left is, that
of prosecuting every one who is delinquent
would be so difficult a task that no one
would or could undertake it. Your Committee

379. Your Committee believe, after an examination of the Law on the subject, that the difficulties stated by the Memorialists have arisen from an entire misapprehension of their powers & duties. They are no where authorized or directed to adjust any weights or measures, but their office merely extends to the trying, proving & sealing the same. and, in order to do this, they are authorized to visit the Houses &c of those persons who use weights & measures & to try, prove & seal the same there, or to cause the same to be carried, at the expense of the several owners, to their own House or office & to charge also double fees therefor. your Committee do not see how these provisions can be improved. nor do they think that the duty of adjusting weights & measures ought to be imposed on the Sealers or that the maker of the article ought to be constituted the judge of its correctness. Your Committee are therefor of opinion that no alteration is necessary in the Law regulating the Sealing of weights & measures and they ask to be discharged. See the Committee. Thos. Wetmore

Read and Accepted

Thrasher

The Committee on the Petition of E Thrasher & others, for the use of the Primary School room Tremont Street for a Sunday School. reported as follows

The Committee on Public 380
Buildings are not aware of any objection to grant-
ing the prayer of the within petition, & rec-
ommend the passage of the following order. For
the Committee. Sam.l A. Eliot.

Ordered. That E. Thrasher,
Richard Fletcher et al. have leave to use one of
the Primary School rooms in the Johnson School,
in the day time only, subject to the order of this
Board, for their removal.

Read and Accepted.

Ordered, that there be paid Giles
to Nancy Giles, the Sum of twenty five hun- Washington St.
dred dollars, on the fifth day of December
next, in full for one Hundred forty eight and
five tenths square feet of land taken from her
estate to widen Washington Street, on her
giving a good & sufficient deed of the same,
& releasing the City from all damages of every
name and nature occasioned by said alteration
in the Street.

The Committee on the petition Cedman
of Francis Cedman for an abatement of taxes
reported, that this Board having no power to abate
taxes, the prayer of the petitioner cannot be grant-
ed, and that he have leave to withdraw his
petition. Read and Accepted

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Walley
Harvard Place

Petition of Samuel H. Walley, in behalf of the Primary School Committee, to have Harvard Place pavement repaired.
—Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Green
Washington St.

Petition of Henry J. Green & others, to have a wooden projecting in front of Nos 30 Washington Street removed.
—Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Fuller
Salutation St.

Petition of Edward Sharp & Saml. P. Snow Executors of the last will & testament of Benj.n Fuller deceased to be paid for a strip of land taken some years since to widen Salutation Street.
—Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Wild

Petition of Barnabas Wild to be paid for the damage sustained by him, for removing his building occasioned by the widening and extension of Beach Street.
—Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Hanton

Petition of Hatevil K. Hanton for the use of a room in the Franklin School House, for the purpose of keeping an Evening School, for the benefit of those young men residing in the South part of the City who are employed during the day time. —Referred to

The Committee on the petition Cabot
of Joseph Cabot for a License to exhibit a Gallery Gallery of fine Arts.
of fine arts No 63 Union Street, reported that the
same be granted.

Read and Accepted

The Committee on the petition Jones
of Elizabeth Jones and others, that a bell be placed
on the Engine House in Sewall Street, reported as follows.

The Committee on Fire Dep-
artment ask leave to report that their opinion is in
favor of granting the prayer of the within petition,
& recommend the passage of the following order. Per
the Committee Saml. A. Eliot.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to cause a bell to be placed on the Engine House of No. 13 provided the expense do not exceed two Hundred dollars.

Read and Accepted.

The Committee to whom Fayette St.
the Assessments made by the Superintendant of drains Sewer
& sewers for a common sewer in Fayette Street, reported,
that they find the same correct. Read and
accepted, and thereupon ordered, that said
Superintendant make out the several bills

and Lodge them with the Treasurer for collection.

Judbury St. Sewer

The Superintendent of Drains & Sewers, made a new assessment of the cost of a common Sewer in Judbury Street. Read and thereupon ordered, that the former rate, which passed this board on the ninth of October last be and the same is hereby reconsidered, and that the last assessment be accepted in lieu thereof. and that the said Superintendent, make out the several bills & lodge them with the Treasurer for collection.

Dant & Esex Sts Hanchmans Lane Sewers.

The Superintendent of drains Sewers, made, reports of assessments for laying common Sewers in Dant and Esex Streets & Hanchmans Lane. Read and accepted & thereupon Ordered, that said Superintendent make out the several bills & lodge them with the City Treasurer for collection.

Warrants for Ward meetings

Ordered, that warrants be issued for meetings of the Inhabitants, in their several wards, qualified as the Law directs, on Monday, the eleventh day of December next, at eleven O'Clock, A. M. then & there to give in their ballots, for Warden, Clerk, Inspectors of Election, members of the Common Council, members of the School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Wise for Alderman & Aldermen, and to give in their ballots for or against the several proposed

amendments to the City Charter. The poll to be kept 384.
open until four O'Clock P.M.

Adjourned to Wednesday next,
four O'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City
Hall on Wednesday the twenty ninth day of Nov-
ember A.D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole Board of Aldermen.

Petition of William E Chan- Channing
ning & others for the use of Faneuil Hall on Mon- Faneuil Hall
day evening next, "for the purpose of holding a pub-
lic meeting to notice, in a suitable manner the
recent murder in the City of Alton of a native
of New England, and Citizen of the Free State of
Illinois, who fell in defence of the freedom of the
press."

Remonstrances of Wile P. Whelton Shelton
& others & Benjamin Rich & others, against the pe- Rich
tition of William E. Channing, & others, all of which
being read the following resolve passed.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of said petition, for the following reasons. Resolutions & votes passed by a public meeting in Faneuil Hall are often considered in other places as the expression of public opinion in this City; but it is believed by the Board that the resolutions which would be likely to be sanctioned by the signers of that petition, on this occasion ought not to be regarded as the public voice of this City. If such resolutions were to be discussed & rejected by the meeting, it could only be a scene of confusion, which would be disreputable to the City, & injurious to the gloss of that consecrated Hall. The Board think it generally inexpedient to grant the use of the Hall to any party who have taken a side upon a highly exciting & warmly contested question. The warmth of controversy engendered by public discussion is little adapted to lead to the calm wisdom which ought to characterize the acts of public assemblies. When only one party is invited to attend, & it is perfectly understood that the doings of the meeting are to be regarded merely as the acts of the party this objection does not apply; but for such a purpose the use of Faneuil Hall is not necessary. & the Board deem the objection to be peculiarly strong in relation to the present petition. A remonstrance has also been received against granting the prayer of the petition signed

by many persons in whose judgment public spirit & 386
good feelings the members of this Corp cannot but
place much confidence.

Remonstrance of Joseph Lich- Lichtenstein
tenstein & others against extending the porch of the Hamilton Com
Mayors School House. Referred to the Committee on public Buildings.

Remonstrance of Silas Rogers Rogers
Rogers against cutting off his building to wi-
den Salem Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Special meeting was Samuelson
held on the forenoon of Monday December. 15th. Vs. Whittell
Solomon Simonds, in behalf of the Directors of the
House of Industry, represents, that Israel Samuelson
& Hannah his wife, are now paupers in charge of
said Directors. that the said Israel is a person who
by reason drinking & idleness has so wasted his
estate as to expose himself & his family to want
& suffering circumstances & the City to a charge
for their maintenance. Thereupon ordered.
that a complaint be made to the judge of Pro-
bate & setting forth the above, in order that a Gua
dian may be appointed for the said Israel according to law

Adjourned to Monday next 9 o'clock A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. held at City Hall on Monday the fourth day of December A.D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor. and the whole Board of Aldermen.

Stevens Sarge Ex. Petition of S. Stevens for a license to exhibit a Sarge Ex. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Stanton The Committee on the petition of Harriet K. Stanton for the use of Ward Room No 12. reported as follows. viz. That if the School Houses can be kept in the day time, the petition ought to be granted; but the same objection which has induced them to report against similar use of public buildings in the evening in other cases, would render it, in their opinion inexpedient to allow the use of ward room of Ward 12 afterdark. They submit the following order. for the Committee. Sam.l A. Eliot.

Ordered. That the use of the Ward room of Ward No 12 be granted to H. K. Stanton, provided he will use it in the day time only, and be responsible for any injury done to the building, subject to the order of the Board for the removal.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 O'Clock P.M.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on the fifth day of December A.D. 1837

Present

The Mayor and the whole Board of Aldermen, except Alderman Hayward.

Petition of William E. Channing & others. for the use of Faneuil Hall Hall, on Friday next, at 10 o'clock A.M. for the purpose expressed in a former petition of said Channing & others, acted upon on the 29th ultimo. Read & thereupon Faneuil Hall

Ordered, that the circumstances attending the present petition being materially different from those under which the Board decided against a former one, the use of the Hall be granted, to the petitioners, on Friday next as prayed for.

The Committee on the petition of P. Stevens for a license to exhibit a large live ox, near Faneuil Hall, reported, that the prayer of the petition be granted on such terms as the Committee on Licenses may prescribe. Read & Accepted Stevens

Petition of Henry Harvey for a license to exhibit Legerdemain &c at Concert Hall for one week. Referred to the Committee on License. Harvey

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Bailey

Petition of Benjamin Bailey, for a license to exhibit for two weeks Operatic Sketches after the manner of the Opera Saloon in Paris. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Nelson

Communication from Amasa Nelson & Nelson Thayer & Son concerning law suits which they have against the City. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 O'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Eleventh day of December A.D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole Board of Aldermen, except Alderman Hayward.

Unfinished Business.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Josselyn, Austin & Gordon with such as the Board of Aldermen might join, a committee to examine & report what unfinished business, if any there be, which may require

the action of the City Council. Came up for concur- 390
rence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Hunting, Dun-
cy & Wells were joined.

The following order was read Haws Sch.
in Common Council & referred to the joint com- house
mittee on Public Buildings, with instructions to
suspend operations for the present relative to the
subject matter contained in said order.

Ordered, that the committee
on Public Buildings be requested to enlarge the
Haws School House at South Boston by making
an addition to the northeasterly end of said house

Came up for Concurrence
Read & nonconcurred.

Petition of William H. Milton
Milton &c. that a lease of a room under Faneuil
Hall, may be assigned to him. Messrs. Reed & Ellis &
Jas. W. Ellis having transferred their interest to the
petitioner. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

The joint Committee to whom May
was referred the report of a sub committee of the School Bd. &c.
Committee recommending an enlargement of the Eliot
School House, & the petition of H. K. Clay & others,
to the same effect reported. That in their opinion
the alteration proposed is highly expedient, and
indeed necessary to the continued usefulness of the

391 School. They have ascertained that the proprietors of the adjoining lots are willing to part with them on certain terms; amounting together to about $7500. & the refusal of one has been obtained till the 1st January. Under these circumstances the committee think it expedient that such additions as may be necessary be made to the lot of land on which the School House stands. & recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee Saml. A Eliot.

Ordered that the sum of Seven thousand six hundred dollars, be & the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of certain lots in the vicinity of the Eliot School House for the purpose of erecting a New School House & that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to draw that sum of money under the direction of the Committee on Finance and that the Committee on the petition of H. K. Alley & others in relation to the Eliot School House, be hereby authorized to make the said purchase at a sum not exceeding the amount above named. Read & accepted and the order passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and on the question of concurring with the Common Council, and passing said order, the yeas & nays being required by a rule of the City Council, were taken as following. Yeas. Aldermen Tarbell

Wetmore, Gurney, Manning, Quincy, Willis, Hall
& Richardson. 7. Nays none. It was ordered in concurrence with the Common Council.

Petition of Charles Jackson, Jackson
praying that the sum of money which he paid to the Treasurer for a tax on his personal property may be reimbursed to him, he being an Inhabitant, on the first day of July last, of Brookline, & was assessed in that town. Read & Referred to Aldermen Wetmore, Gurney & Farnam, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. & the Common Council joined on the part. Messrs. Williams, Joselyn, Gordon & Bartlett.

Ordered, that there be paid Robinson
to Thomas Robinson on the fifth day of January Robinson &
next the sum of twenty two Hundred & twenty
five dollars, in full for one Hundred & eight
square feet of land taken from his estate to
widen Washington Street, on his giving a
good & sufficient deed of the same & for all dam-
ages, by diminishing the dimensions of his house,
for any alterations made necessary by cutting
off the front of the same, and all other dam-
ages of whatever name or nature.

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Taylor
Salem St.

Memorial of Joseph W. Taylor claiming damages for taking his estate to widen Salem Street, & praying that a committee may be appointed to view the premises. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Wyman
East South
&c.

The Committee on Laying out and widening Streets have considered the petition of Solomon Wyman & others to take a strip of land from the corner of East & South Streets and ask leave to Report: That it will be a great relief to the travel that passeth from South Street Place as called in East Street to take a small strip of land from said corner: submit for that purpose the accompanying Resolution. Per the Committee Henry Farnam.

Resolved that public necessity & convenience require that East Street be widened. Therefore ordered that a strip of land be taken from the estate of K. T. Farin Esq. beginning at the corner of South & East Streets & running on East Street ten feet six inches. thence turning an acute angle & running twelve feet six inches to a point on South Street six feet from East Street. Thence turning at acute angle & running on South Street six feet to the place of beginning taking from said estate about sixty nine feet & five. Read. Accepted and the Resolve passed.

The Committee on the Peti- 324.
tion of Henry Harvey, for a License to exhibit Harvey
Legerdemain &c. at Congress Hall. Reported
to the Committee on Licenses at the last meet-
ing. reported, that a License be granted.
Read & Accepted.

Petition of Thomas L. Bal- Baldwin
dwin for a License to exhibit Legerdemain for
two nights at Congress Hall. Referred to the
Committee on Licenses.

The Superintendents of Common Sewers
drains & sewers reported an assessment for the
cost of a common Sewer in Chamber Street. Read
& accepted & Thereupon ordered, That assessment
be made accordingly, & That said Superinten-
dent make out the several bills & lodge them
with the Treasurer for collection.

Petition of James Clem- James Clem-
mison to have the sum assessed upon him as his
proportion of costs of making a common sew-
er in Fayette Street stated. Referred to the
Committee on drains &c.

Memorial of Alderman Ward.
Ward, respecting the sum assessed upon him
as his proportion of constructing a common

Fees in Cog's Stat. Referred to the Committee on Claims & Fees.

Hunt — Memorial of Samuel C. Hunt
Hayes Scale. claiming the fees used in the platform near the Hay Scales. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Cummings — Gilbert Cummings was heard before the Board by Counsel, respecting the reconsidering the vote whereby the Board refused to grant him a License as a victualler. Thereupon ordered, that the Board do not reconsider the same.

Clough — The Committee on the petition of Willard Clough deputy collector for additional compensation reported as follows, viz. The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of W. Clough for increase of pay ask leave to report that the grounds of the petition seem not unreasonable, but it has been found impossible to arrange any plan or scale of payment on a satisfactory principle. The Committee therefore that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Sam.l A. Eliot.

Read & Accepted.

Fleet — The Committee on the fire department to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Fleet & others, with full power reported

That an Engine has been placed in store at South 396
Boston, & a company arranged to take it to Fires
at South Boston only. Read & Accepted.

The Committee on the Hammond
Petition of Nath! Hammond & others, to have Ward room No 5
the room in the Court House, Seventh Street,
fitted up for a Ward room, reported, That direc-
tions have been given for the alterations desi-
red, it being a matter of inconsiderable expense
Read & Accepted.

The annual report of Auditors report
of the Auditor of accounts of the receipts and
expenditures of the City Government for the
financial year, which terminated on the
thirtieth day of April last. Read in Common
Council. Came up for Concurrence.
Read and Concurred.

Adjourned to Wednesday
next 12 O'Clock M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on the thirteenth day of December A.D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole Board of Aldermen, except Alderman Maynard.

Votes for Mayor & Aldermen

The Board proceeded to examine the returns of votes from the several wards, & found them as recorded in the book kept for that purpose.

The whole number of votes for Mayor was 6253
Necessary for a choice 3127
Samuel A. Eliot, Esq had 3475
And he is chosen Mayor of the City for the year ensuing.

The whole number of votes for Alderman was 6238
Necessary for a choice 3120
Henry Farnam ..... had 4599
Thomas Wilmore ..... " 4614
Nathan Gurney ..... " 4584
Joseph M. Maynard ..... " 4590
Thomas Manning ..... " 4624
Thomas Richardson ..... " 4528
Isaac Adams .. and ..... " 5324
Martin Brimmer 4564
and they are chosen Aldermen of the City for the year ensuing.

Ordered, that the above named gentlemen be notified of their election, and the result published according to law.

The returns of votes from the several wards upon the several amendments to the City Charter, are recorded in the book of return of votes. The several propositions were all decided in the negative.

City Charter

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Thomas J. Baldwin, for a license to perform Legerdemain, Juggling, Balancing, Singing &c. at Lunger's Hall, on Thursday, & Friday evenings next, reported, that the petitioner have leave to perform at the Artists gallery, on three days. Read & Accepted.

Baldwin

Petition of H. K. Stanton for the use of a room in the primary school House, Oldham Street, for an evening school. Referred to the Committee on public buildings.

Stanton

Adjourned to Monday next four O Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on the Eighteenth day of December A.D. 1857.

Present

The Mayor and the whole Board of Aldermen except Alderman Gurney.

Book Ladder No 2

Ordered, that the Committee on the Fire department be instructed to inquire into the expediency of organizing a company for the Hook & Ladder No. 2. & also of providing a long Ladder to be attached to each of the Churches in the City, where a convenient place of deposit can be found.

Cutter Pet.

Engine No 14.

The Committee on the Fire department to whom were referred the memorial of Cutter, Kenniman & others, against the memorial of Engine No. 14 & the petition of Edward S. Tappan & others, requesting permission to take charge of that Engine, reported as follows, viz. The Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the memorial of Cutter, Kenniman & others & al. against the removal of Engine No. 14 & the petition of Edward S. Tappan & al. requesting permission to take charge of that Engine, have attended to the subject & ask leave

to report. That in their opinion it is unnecessary at present to put that engine in commission. They therefore request to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Jn the Committee Saml. A. Eliot. Read & Accepted. 400.

The Committee who were appointed to consider the expediency of applying to the Legislature to authorize the City Council to appoint a City Police, from time to time as the peace and good order of the City may require, reported, that they are of opinion that it is very desirable the City should have such a power, & ask leave to commend the subject to the early attention of the next City Council. Read & Accepted. City Police

Sent down for Concurrence
Came up Concurred.

The Committee on burial grounds, respecting the Hawes burial Ground, reported as follows, viz. That the fence including the Hawes burial ground is in a very dilapidated condition & requires a new one. The street is formerly fronted upon is not now used as a Street, a new one having been located further North. Until said street is either discontinued as a Street, or permanently established as an open space it will Hawes burial ground.

1101 to hereby authorized to make such alteration or repairs to said Causeway. Per the Committee. Henry Farnam.

City Charter

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Austin, Chapman & Bolles with such as the Board of Aldermen might join, a Committee to consider & report on the expediency of again submitting to the Inhabitants of the City, for their vote, the new draft of the City Charter, recently prepared by the City Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred & Aldermen Peters & Denison were joined.

Ref. of Reformation

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Edwards, Chapman & Sweeden with such as the Board of Aldermen might join, a Committee to consider & report on the expediency of applying to the Legislature for such a modification of the Law, in reference to the manner of committing children to the House of Reformation as Juvenile Offenders, as will authorize the appointment of a Board by the City Council, who shall have authority in certain cases, to send children there, without the necessity of a trial before the Police Court & that they be authorized to commit the

City Solicitor on the subject & to draft a draft of a law, to be presented at the coming session of the Legislature. Came up for concurrence Read & nonconcurred. 1102.

Petition of Frederick J. Gray for the use of a room in the Mayhew School House, for an evening school for boys, who are unable to attend the public schools. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Gray

Petition of Walter Wood for leave to build Bank Wall, Referred to the Committee on Streets. Wood

Petition of Jonathan M? Bell Bell.
Seek to have a true & mortgage cancelled given by Walter M. Moore to the City, upon his paying the amount due. Referred to the City Solicitor.

The Committee on the Petition of Samuel Richborn to have a piece of land laid out, reported. That it is inexpedient to grant the same. Richborn.
Read & Accepted.

A Communication from the Mayor

4103 Chaces & others, remonstrating against laying a Gas-
tax for Common Sewer in Laporte Street, Ref-
erred to the Committee on Streets & Sewers.

Bellevue Engine

Ordered, that the Committee
on the Fire Department be authorized to place
one of the Spare Engines at Bellevue, for the
greater Safety of the public buildings there.

Wright Livery keeper

It appearing to this Board
that Wm. Wright who has been licensed to keep
prize & prosecuted Liquors has been guilty of viola-
ting the License Law, thereupon ordered, that
for the cause aforesaid, that the License grant-
ed to said Wright be and the same is hereby
revoked.

Nickerson

The Committee on the Remon-
strance of Jacob Nickerson & others against
building Horse Shed Report, reported, That
a plan of improvement of said House has
been agreed upon which seems to be Satisfac-
tory to all parties. Read & Accepted.

Stanton

The Committee on public
buildings to whom was referred the petition
of H. B. Stanton, for the use of a Primary
School House in Chatham Street, respectfully
that they have given leave to the petitioner

to be empty said sewer for an evening School
provided he will keep the Gutters insured.
Read & Accepted.

The Superintendent of Common Sewers
Common Sewers made an Assessment for a Castle St.
common sewer in Castle Street, Read & thereupon ordered, that said Superintendent make out the several Bills & lodge them with the Treasurer for Collection.

The Superintendent of Common Sewers
Common Sewers made an Assessment for a Elm St.
common Sewer in Elm Street, Read & thereupon ordered, that the former vote making said an Assessment be reconsidered, and that the present Assessment be accepted. & thereupon ordered that said Superintendent make out the several Bills & lodge them with the Treasurer for collection.

Adjourned to Tuesday
the twenty fifth instant, at five o'clock
P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on the twenty sixth day of December A.D. 1857. Present

The Mayor, and the whole Board of Aldermen except Alderman Pelton.

Auditor's report & appropriations

Order of the Common Council referring to the Committee on Finance, the Auditor's account exhibit of the present state of the appropriations granted for the service of the current financial year. Came up for concurrence

Read & concurred.

Reclamation M.A. Ins. proposed

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Grant, Cutler & Swettzer a committee to confer with such committees as might be appointed by the Board of Aldermen relative to the subject matter of difference between the two Branches, on the expediency of assenting to the Legislature for such a modification, of the Laws in reference to the manner of committing children to the House of Reformation for Juvenile Offenders. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Clancy Haynes & Harding were appointed on the part of this Board.

City Charter

The committee who were instructed to consider & report on the expediency of again submitting to the Inhabitants for their votes. the new draft of the City Charter, lately prepared by the City Council. as stated as follows. viz. That in the opinion of the Committee there were many circumstances connected with the recent rejection of the proposed alteration of the Charter, which prove that the vote therein is rather to be considered as an evidence, that it was not submitted to the Inhabitants in season for them to give it that attention which its importance desired. than as shewing that it was the will of the people to reject the amendments on their own merits. Owing to unavoidable delays the revision of the Charter was published & circulated, so very near the day of election, that it was in fact, almost impossible for the inhabitants to give it a sufficient examination, or to compare it with the original Charter; and the small number of votes given in favor this distinctly or else show an unaccountable apathy on the subject. there having been given thereon but about one third of the number given for municipal officers. and the number for & against each amendment being nearly the same, although the relative importance of each is so very different. The Committee are therefore of opinion that the proposed amendments ought to be again submitted to the decision

of the Inhabitants & for this purpose, and that these amendments may be more distinctly shown they offer the following resolution & order. Per the Committee Thos. Wetmore.

Whereas the recently proposed alterations of the City Charter were not submitted to the Inhabitants in season to allow a sufficient examination thereof previous to the late election, it is therefore

Resolved, That it is expedient that the legal voters of the City of Boston should be notified to meet in their respective wards on ( ) day of ( ) next then & there to give in their votes for or against the alterations of the City Charter recently proposed by the City Council.

Ordered, That seven thousand copies of the sections proposed to be altered, together with the alterations thereof be forthwith printed & distributed among the Inhabitants.

—Read and the blank Spaces in said resolve filled with the words "First Monday" "February" & said Order was then amended by striking out all after the word "Ordered" and substituting therefor these words. That the subject be recommitted to the same Committee with instructions to prepare a Statement of the changes and reasons of the

changes proposed in the City Charter, and to cause four Copies of the same and also of the sections proposed to be altered and the alterations proposed to be distributed among the Citizens. Read in Common Council, and the resolve & order passed.

Came up for Concurrence.
Read and Concurred.

Order of the Common Council authorizing the Mayor as Chairman of the School Committee to cause to be printed any documents that that Board may consider useful, and for the interest of the schools, & that the same be charged to the expenses of printing & Stationary &c.

Documents of Sch. Com.

Came up for Concurrence.
Read and Concurred.

Ordered that Aldermen Farnam & Gurney be a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of the Franklin fund.

Franklin fund Treasurer &c.

Resolve passed to extend South street to Beach street as follows, viz. The Committee on Laying out & widening streets, they have to suggest for the consideration of this Board the expediency of extending South street to that part of Beach street lately located. These streets may be made to con-

South street

municate with each other, at a small expense. By reference to the records of the Selectmen for the year 1712. it appears that the City own the land from the present termination of South Street forty feet wide to low water mark, bounded westerly by land of John Pierce and easterly by land of the heirs of John Osborn deceased consequently the only expense to be incurred will be the filling up the low ground & flats to a proper elevation for a Street. Considering the local situation of that part of Beach Street lately laid out, and that part of South Street proposed to be extended, being in the immediate vicinity of the Worcester Railroad Depot & also that of the Jackson Branch, together with the extensive business which may rationally grow out of the improvements now in progress by the South Bay Corporation, it appears to your Committee that this is an improvement which the public will speedily require. Entertaining these views, the Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution, all which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee. Nathan Tuttle.

Resolved. That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants require that South Street be extended to Beach Street, and the same is hereby laid out & established as a public Street or highway forty feet wide, from its present termination to Beach Street, bounded

westerly by land of John Weiss, & easterly by land 4 10
of the heirs of John Osborn deceased.

The Committee to whom Lincoln was referred the petition of Levi R. Lincoln Hanchman & others to have Hanchmans Lane widened &c. Lane
report as follows. viz. That Hanchmans Lane is an ancient passage way extending from Commercial Street to Charter Street, about 250 feet in length averaging about 11 feet in width. it is proposed to enlarge it in such a manner as to make it 20 feet wide. to effect the object it would require about 2250 Square feet of land to be taken from seven different estates abutting on the westerly side of said avenue. nine of whom signed the petition, or will aid in any form to have the passageway widened. If the improvement be made it will be necessary to remove 3 wooden dwelling houses viz. one fronting on Charter Street, the rear adjoining on the passage way and the third on the corner of Commercial Street on the passage way, the last mentioned rent at the rate of $250 per annum the five former estates would be very much damaged by the operation, the quantity required from those estates would diminish the size of the lots as to render them nearly useless for building lots, the estate on the passageway is under a lease that has three years to run

411. at a rent of $100 per annum and about $300 in repairs recently put on by the tenant. After a careful examination of the subject your committee are of opinion that the whole expenditure necessary to be incurred to complete the improvement cannot be less than from 9 to $10.000. Entertaining these views your committee cannot persuade themselves that the public benefits to be derived from the improvement will warrant the outlay of that sum. They deem it inexpedient to take any further order upon the subject at the present time. All which is respectfully submitted for the Committee. Nathan Gurney. — Read & Accepted.

Ordered, That there be paid

Caleb Thomas, Jr. to Joseph E. & Nathan Brown on the fifth day of January next, the sum of Six hundred and forty six dollars & ten cents, in full for Four hundred forty one & one half square feet of land, taken from their estate to widen Carver and Pleasant Streets on their giving a good & sufficient deed of the same & releasing the City from all damages.

Ordered, That there be paid

Weyden, Washington st. to William Weyden Jun. on the fifth day of January next, the sum of one thousand & fifty one dollars & twenty five cents, in full payment.

for one hundred & fifty two & a quarter feet of 1112
land, taken from his estate to widen Washing-
ton Street, on the easterly side, between State
Street & Creek Square, which sum is to be in full,
also, for the expense of setting back the front of the
building, and all damages sustained by him,
or his tenants in the premises. provided that
the said Hayden shall give to the City, a good
& sufficient deed of the land so taken into the
street, & a release of all damages as aforesaid.

Petition of William Wright. Wright
That he may have a Hearing respecting his
License as a victualler which has been rev-
oked. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

The Superintendent & Common
of Common Sewers made report of Assessments
for constructing Common Sewers in Water, Mill-
dam & Northampton Streets, which accepted
& thereupon ordered, that said Superintendent
make out the several bills & lodge them with
the City Treasurer for collection.

Petition of Catherine W. Whiting
Whiting, to be relieved from an Assessment made
on her, for the construction of a Sewer in Birch-
line Street. Referred to the Committee on Drain-
ins & Sewers.

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Bell. The City Solicitor on the petition of Jonathan W. Bell, to have a Mortgage assigned to him by the City reported, that the prayer of the petitioner may be complied with and thereupon,

Ordered, That the assent of this Board be, & hereby is, given to the assignment of said Mortgage according to the prayer of the petitioner; & that the Mayor be requested to execute all legal instruments that may be requisite in the premises.

Gray. The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Frederick T. Gray, for the use of a room in the Mayhew School House, for an Evening School, reported, That it is inexpedient, in their opinion, to grant the use of the School room prayed for, in the evening. There would be no objection to its use in the day time. But as this has not been asked for, they can only recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Samuel A. Eliot.

Read & Accepted.

Free bridges The Committee on the necessity of lengthening the piers of the Neck free bridge, reported, that the subject be referred to a future board. Read & Accepted.

The Committee who were appointed to report what unfinished business (if any) that may require the action of the City Council reported. That they have examined the records of the City Council, & do not find that there is any unfinished business that requires the action of the City Council. Per the Committee Thos. Hunting. Read and Accepted. — Sent down for Concurrence. Came up Concurred. 1814 Unfinished Business

Adjourned to Friday next. 11 O'Clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the twenty ninth day of December A.D. 1837.

Present

The Mayor, and the whole Board of Aldermen except Alderman Richardson

The Committee on finance, to whom was referred the report of the City Auditor, together with an exhibit of the present state Appropriations

415 of the appropriations for the current year, and a proposal for withdrawing certain sums from some of those appropriations, & adding to others, Have considered the subjects and are of opinion that it will be expedient, if not necessary to make the changes suggested, & to vary the amount named. They therefore report the following order.

Ordered, That there be added to certain Appropriations, the following sums of money, viz.

"To the Appropriation for Repairs of Public Buildings, fifteen hundred dollars.

"To the Appropriation for the Erection of Primary School Houses, two thousand dollars.

"To the Appropriation for the Public Lands two thousand dollars.

"To the Appropriation for Paving and Repairs of Streets, five thousand dollars.

"To the Appropriation for Widening & Extending Streets, thirty thousand dollars.

"To the Appropriation for Constables, fifteen hundred dollars.

"To the Appropriation for Improvements at the Common, twelve hundred dollars.

"To the Appropriation for Printing & Stationary one thousand dollars.

"To the Appropriation for the External Health Department, one thousand dollars, and

"To the Appropriation for Incidental Expen-

Sess. Miscellaneous Claims, Seven Thousand 4-16
dollars ___. And that there be withdrawn from
certain other appropriations, the following
Sums of money, viz.
From the Appropriation for Repairs of Bridges, Five Hundred dollars;—
From the Appropriation for Salaries of City & County Officers, twenty five Hundred dollars
From the Appropriation for fixtures for Lighting the Streets with Gas fifteen hundred dollars.
From the Appropriation for the Fire Department, Eighteen Hundred dollars.
From the appropriation for Building Reservoirs, two thousand dollars
From the Appropriation for the Common, Malls & Yard Wells, twelve Hundred dollars, and
From the Appropriation for a Reserve Fund, twenty seven hundred dollars.

Ordered, That, for the purpose of meeting a portion of the additional Appropriations granted by the foregoing order the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to borrow, under direction of the Committee of Finance, a sum of money not exceeding Forty thousand dollars. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred; and on the question of passing the order to borrow money, in concurrence with the

417. Common Council. The yeas & nays being required according to a rule of the City Council taken as follows viz. Yeas. The Mayor, Alderman Jarman, Hayward, Hunting, Quincy Gurney & Wells. 7. Nays none.

The same passed in concurrence with the Common Council.

Franklin fund. The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Franklin fund, reported as follows, viz. That they have examined & certified in duplicate the Treasurers account dated December 27. 1837 & found that his vouchers agree with his account a copy of which is herewith presented.

The estimated value of Bonds is	1424.15
Deposit in office of Mass. Life Ins.	
Office to January 1st. 1838.....	23989.65
Ballance in hands of Treasurer	222.95
	$25636.75

Henry Jarman Nathan Gurney Committee.

Read & Accepted.

Vagrant Children. Resolved. That the Mayor & Aldermen be authorized to employ some suitable person whose duty it shall be to seek out, especially in School hours, such children as may be found idle or vagrant about the streets, wharves, and other places of resort, to ascertain their residences & character: & if found it be found, to conduct them

to the Schools to which they may respectively belong, to make application to the parents of such children as may be found who attend no school, and if possible to induce such parents to send their children to School. And it shall be the duty of the person so employed to report forthwith to the Mayor all cases where the parents will not send their children to school, and with his consent to take the legal steps for placing such children in the "House of Reformation" for Juvenile Offenders. & finally such person or officer shall once at least in each month, make a written report to the Mayor of his doings containing the name & place of residence of every child, he may have had occasion to notice in the way of his duty during the preceding month.

Resolved, that it is expedient to make an early application to the Legislature, to modify the law in relation to the House of Reformation for Juvenile Offenders, that the same class of Children may be sent there by a Board specially appointed for the purpose, instead of being convicted & sentenced in the Police Court.

Passed in Common Council.

Came up for Concurrence.

Read & Non Concurred.

Ordered, that all matters & things not acted upon be referred to the next board of Aldermen.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest,
S. F. McCleary,
City Clerk.

I certify that the foregoing is a true record of proceedings of the board of Aldermen, for the year 1837.

Attest,
S. F. McCleary
City Clerk.)

Engine No. 1. Reservoirs

Vid. pag. 279.

The committee on the fire department, to whom were referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the northern section of the City, respecting the removal of Engine No. 1, from its present location, have attentively considered the subject, both before & since the presentation of those petitions, & ask leave to submit the following report: In determining upon the places in which to locate, the fourteen engines which are to be kept in use, according to the plan presented, some time since, to the City Council. Many points were of course to be kept in view & carefully compared by the committee; & they are desirous of presenting, if possible, a clear & intelligible statement of the considerations which have operated upon their minds. As a reduction of six engines was to be made from the whole number, the distribution of the remainder became in some degree more important than before; but the committee are of opinion that this increase of importance is much exaggerated in the minds of many. If the companies assemble with equal promptness, it can scarcely make a difference of more than two or three minutes, whether the house is situated in Mason street, or School street, in Hanover street or Salem street, in the promptness with which the engine may be brought on the ground. It is of vastly more consequence whether a reservoir is within reach, & full of water, so that the first engine that arrives may be put in operation. But it is not to be denied that the distribution ought to be made, as far as possible, with just regard to the safety of each portion of the city; & although other circumstances have been attended to, this has not been lost sight of. The first inquiry that suggested itself to the committee was how far the engine houses belonging to the City could answer the purpose, without continuing the practice, which has been found inconvenient, of hiring buildings

421. for the object. The following houses belonging to the City, were at once retained, as being perfectly well situated for the protection of their several neighborhoods, viz: No. 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20. Only one more was wanted to make up the complement, & the situation of No. 7, is so central, convenient, & as experience has proved, so useful, that the committee did not hesitate in preferring it at once to all the others which do not belong to the City. Nos. 2 & 16 have been discontinued for some time, & it did not seem that there was any particular inducement to re-establish them. The question which presented itself to the committee was limited to the comparative advantages of Nos 1, 4, 7 & 14. Among these the central situation of No. 7, seemed more important than any consideration which occurred to them in favour of the others. With regard to the North end, there are two engines exceedingly well situated within the ancient limits of that section of the City, & two others just without them, viz: No. 3 & 15, within, No. 5. & 10 without. Besides these, it is proposed that the Boston, (an engine of different size from the others,) with the exception of the Tiger, should be kept ready for use in No. 15's house, & another engine in No. 10's house; & if the proposed system should be brought into effect, there will be assistants enough to work all the spare engines, in case of a bad fire. Another observation ought to be borne in mind, which is that the reservoirs are numerous at the north end, & well placed. There are six within the district, & two more within reach, viz. two in Hanover street, one near the Hancock's school house, one near Dr. Parkman's Church, one in North square, one in Salem street near Christ Church, one in Thacher street, & one near the hay scales. There is another one in Hanover street, a little farther west, near Portland street, & one more in Dock square.

Besides these reservoirs, the north end is surrounded partly in connected by tide water, which is available for 16 or 18 hours out of the 24. Experience proves also that there is really less danger from fire at that section of the City than any other. The largest fire which has occurred there for many years or perhaps ever was that of Blackstone street, two years ago, which happened when there was as many Engines in operation as ever there were, Nos 1 inclusive, That fire shows more decisively than almost any other the importance of having reservoirs, & of having them constantly filled. It was an accidental deficiency of water in one of them which gave that fire its ascendancy. If the number or the vicinity of engines were the most important circumstance, it might soon have been stopped. The only other fire which occasioned much apprehension in that quarter was one at the end of Charlestown & Causeway streets, in a vicinity surrounded by wooden buildings. The success with which that was extinguished shows how difficult it is for a fire to spread in a district where the population is so compact & active. — The Inhabitants of the three northern wards are about 7,000 in number; or a little more than ⅓ of the whole population of the City. The three Engines which are included within the limits of those wards, Nos 3, 10, & 15 are as nearly as possible, in the exact ratio of the population, being a little more than one fifth of the whole. Besides this, it is in contemplation to store two extra engines in the houses of Nos 10, & 15, which are large & sufficient for that purpose.

It seems to the committee that upon a comparison of the provision made for the safety of the north end, with that for the other sections of the City, it will be found that there is none more carefully guarded, though perhaps some portions of it may think themselves less abundantly secured. But a few months experience will decide the whole matter better than any previous calculations. There must always be an opportunity to

1823. to remove an engine from a vicinity where a company may not be obtained for it, to one where it can be readily manned. It will be a great advantage if the public mind can be kept calm upon the subject, till the whole experiment can be fairly tried. And if after trial, it is found that any improvement can be made, there is no reason to doubt that it will be made. The subject is always open. There is one suggestion with which the committee will close their statement. It is that the prospect of the introduction of a supply of water into the City renders it advisable to incur no more expense than can be shown to be really necessary under present circumstances. If aqueduct pipes should ever be laid through the City, it certainly be thought unreasonable to expect it within a few years, and why may the numerous reservoirs be kept full with facility, but plugs may be inserted in the pipes at whatever short distances may be thought advisable; so that wherever a fire may breack out, a single engine, with its 250 feet of hose, may be able to reach it. When that is the case, it certainly will be in the power of the City to dispense with a portion of the apparatus now required. In the mean while adequate protection is necessary: but superfluous expense ought, of course to be avoided; & if more than a fair proportion be allowed to one section of the City, the others will be sure to claim the same, & thus the old number of 20 engines may be called for without necessity, & at a very great expense. The committee are desirous of having it understood that this arrangement is not proposed as a definitive & unalterable one, but those changes which experience may show to be desirable can be made at any time & all times. Especially regard must be had to the difficulty or the ease with which companies may be raised in different neighborhoods, & where in a particular vicinity a company cannot be obtained, no objection can reasonably be made to discontinuing that engine, & substituting another where suitable persons offer their services. With these views the committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. For the committee.

Saml. A. Eliot, Chairman

1824.

The Censors of the City of Boston, after having been duly sworn to the faithful performance of that duty, have taken a census of the population of said City agreeably to the provisions of an act approved on the twenty first day of March last, & the several acts in addition thereto, and in addition thereto, and in addition to & in amendment of the act entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the town of Boston" passed on the second day of March 1822, returned and certified, that the whole number of Inhabitants actually resident in said City, on the first day of May of the present year was Eighty Thousand, Three hundred and twenty five. See the original return on file. Dated May 22d 1837.

Attest.

S. M. McCleary,
City Clerk.

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